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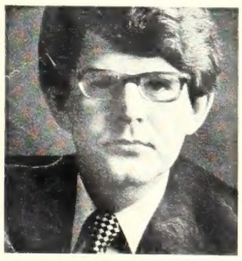
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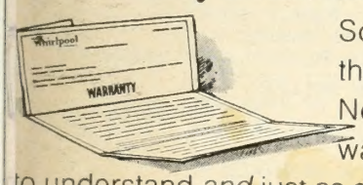
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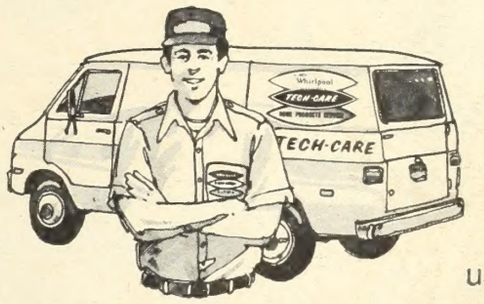
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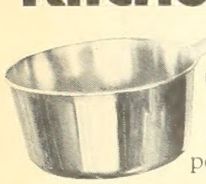
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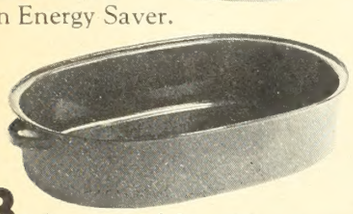
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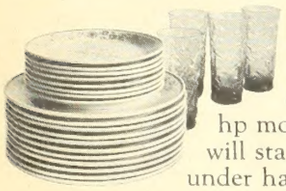




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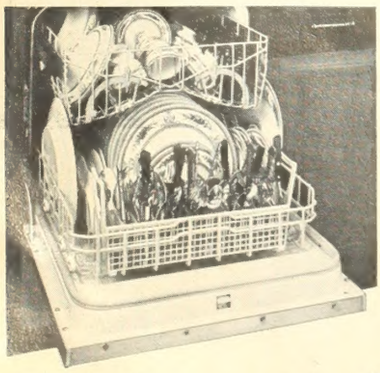


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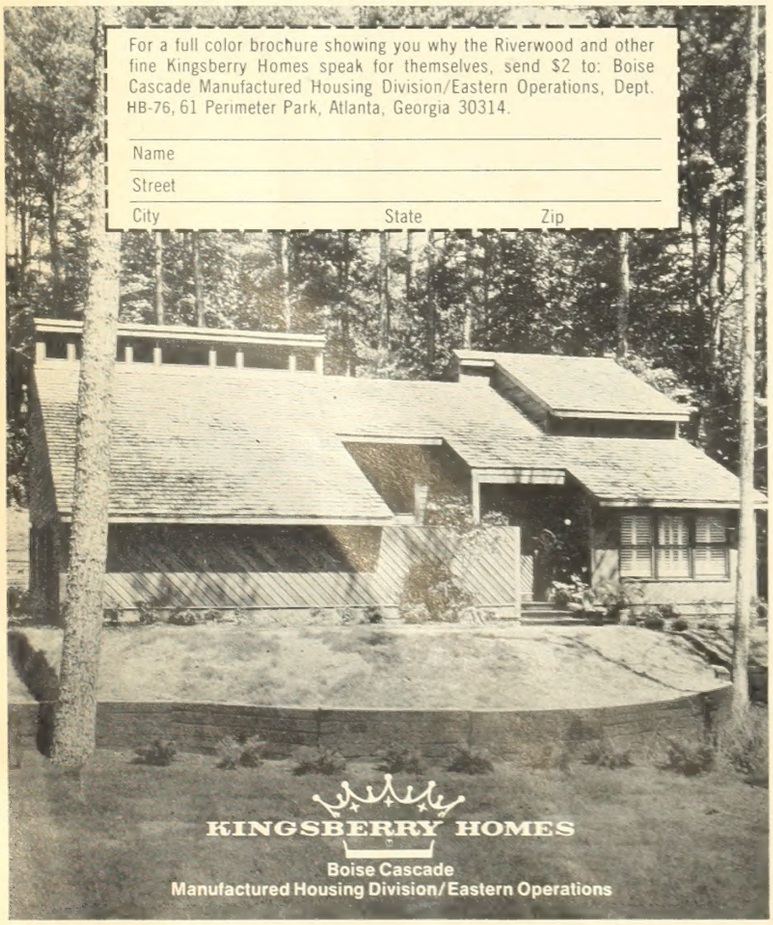
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REMODELING SURVIVOR

You don't have to leave home to weather a kitchen face lifting. Here are one woman's remedies for easing remodeling pains

By HELEN R. STEPHENSON □ When word got around that we planned to remodel the kitchen of our 200-year-old farmhouse, we received two gifts. The first was a cheese knife. The second was an illustrated folder of a New Zealand-Fiji Island tour with a note: "Leave home. It's the only way." My husband and I decided to divide this prophetic windfall. He left for the South Seas and I stayed home with the remodeling and the knife.

Experienced voices cheered me on.

"You don't look like the kind who gets flustered," the carpenter said as he stared at my plans. "Not like that lady on my last job who just sat on the floor and cried when she heard the stove wouldn't be delivered for another 10 days."

Today, two months after the workmen first walked in the

Select a room with bookshelves for concentrated storage of kitchen contents

door, I have placed the last cookbook on the new bookshelf. Now that's finished, I love my new kitchen and raise a toast to the faithful work crew. But having gained my service stripes, I would like to offer a gift to all those anticipating their own kitchen remodeling. Instead of a cheese knife, I propose a crash course in survival, dedicated to preserving serenity and sanity during that period when your kitchen is strictly a closed shop.

First, as soon as remodeling plans are completed, set aside one comfortable, uncluttered room as your hideaway, your refuge from plaster dust, hammering and hard rock music on

Set aside one comfortable, uncluttered room as your "Serenity Room." Declare it off-bounds for the rolls of vinyl flooring

transistor radios. Be sure to choose a room with a thick door.

Declare this "Serenity Room" strictly off-bounds for rolls of new vinyl flooring and dog beds. Set up a small table and chairs for meals. Concentrate on your blessings and watch television only with the sound off. Yoga and meditation will prove helpful.

Then move on to select a room (or two rooms) for concentrated storage of the contents from cupboards, drawers and shelves, plus the chandelier you bought at auction for the new kitchen.

Your best selection is a room with bookshelves. Remove the books from several shelves and store in small cartons in a corner. (Books take kinder to being jammed into a carton than teapots or iced tea glasses.) Then use the bare shelves to store china, glassware, pitchers, teapots, pottery and other fragile or hard-to-pack items. Your tableware will be (*Continued on page 11*)

BUYING AN OLDER HOUSE? A NEW PLAN ASSURES YOU IT'S STRUCTURALLY SAFE

By JOHN H. INGERSOLL

Judging an old house for soundness makes Peter Rainolds uneasy. He and his wife, Maureen, fell in love with a tall Victorian vintage wood-shingled house near Philadelphia, where Peter works with an advertising agency. Having lived most of his life in apartments, Peter knew next to nothing about house construction. To him, a foundation was something designed for middle-age spread. And Maureen admitted she knew even less than Peter.

A professionally prepared report on the house put Peter's queasiness to rest. The report covered all the fundamental construction elements in the house and, despite its age, the house turned out to be sound and functioning well. The Rainolds bought and are delighted with their house.

This couple is one among a growing number of pre-owned-home buyers taking advantage of a new inspection/guarantee program being offered through many of this country's Realtors (members of the National Association of Realtors). The inspections and either warranties or insurance are provided by independent firms approved by NAR. Cost for this examination and assurance service generally falls between $140 and $225.

What buyers get for their money is the comfort of knowing someone who understands house construction has rapped the beams, peered into the furnace and eagle-eyed the roof shingles. In addition, the new owners are assured that if any house element labeled OK by the inspector goes sour within an agreed-upon period (usually a year), the firm will repair or replace on a $100 deductible basis.

The program is not limited to buyers, for whom it is protection. Sellers are free to buy the service as a marketing strategy. A house with proof of soundness is easier to sell than one that remains a question mark for the buyer.

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Food and cooking utensils can then be stored neatly in cartons. Use sturdy, medium-sized cartons (avoid large ones that are difficult to lift) for pots and pans, skillets, cake pans. Use separate cartons for canned and packaged food. Shallow dress boxes or suit boxes are best for storing spices, herbs, dessert and soup mixes. Picnic hampers or large baskets are safe and handy for more fragile (unopened) packages. Since baskets are handier to dip into than closed cartons, reserve several baskets for packaged foods that will be used for your off-kitchen cooking. Plastic stackable shoe boxes are treasures for visible storage of kitchen tools, knives (be sure that they are protected by lots of paper towels), candles, small utensils, bar tools, matches, hot pads, rubber gloves.

Large glass jars with tight-fitting lids should be clutched to the heart for storing screws, hangers, hinges, knobs removed from kitchen equipment. When you empty your shelves, you'll find a dozen or so almost-full containers of rice, barley, beans, biscuit mix and the stone-ground buckwheat flour you bought on your last vacation. If any of the food seems worth saving, empty it into a jar and stuff the package (*Continued on page 31*)

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former airplane inspectors with a trained eye for detail. All follow a detailed, multi-page question-and-answer form painstakingly produced by the inspection companies. Inspectors examine only items within or attached to the house. A buyer or seller wishing to include outside additions, such as a swimming pool or greenhouse, must contract for them separately.

When the inspector finds a flaw, it's noted in the report. A St. Louis owner bought the program to make his house more saleable. But the inspection report approved only five of the seven basic categories (walls-floors-ceilings; air conditioning-furnace; plumbing-water heater-internal sewer lines; electricity; roof; foundation; basement-attached garage). The owner had two choices. He could buy a year's guarantee on the five approved elements. Or he could repair the two items that failed and, with proof of repair, win a guarantee on the complete house. He chose the second course and sold his house within two weeks.

According to an NAR spokesman, the program, which began a year ago, will be nationwide by the end of 1978. At present this service is available through Realtors in the metropolitan areas of St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Neb., Indianapolis, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Miami, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Ohio, Youngstown, Ohio, Charlotte, N.C., Dallas/Ft. Worth, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Fla., New York City, Philadelphia, Memphis, Tenn., Tulsa, Okla. and northern Virginia.

To date, three firms have been approved by the Realtors for inspections and guarantees. They are: Soundhome Assurance Program directed by Alexander & Alexander, Newark, N.J.; Certified Home Inspection Program, directed by Victor O. Shinner & Co., Silver Spring, Md., and the Factfinder Home Inspection, a service of Terminix International, Memphis, Tenn. An NAR executive estimates that five to seven more companies will be named between now and 1978 to provide full national coverage for the plan. By that time, the number of homes covered should be well over a million, according to NAR.

Specific costs, guarantee periods and plan wording vary slightly from company to company. However, all meet NAR guidelines and are approved by that organization. The best way to get full information is through a Realtor in one of the areas named above. Or write directly to Member Service Department, National Association of Realtors, 155 E. Superior St., Chicago 60611 for the information you need.

While NAR came up with the concept for the program, and handpicked the inspection/guarantee firms, the plan will be made available to all licensed real estate agents, whether or not they are members of the national association.

Immediate NAR Past-President Art S. Leitch, says, "We believe this program will provide needed protection to the consumer against expensive undisclosed faults in the most expensive single purchase he will make. It also will (*Continued*)



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Authentic 18th-century American furniture is increasingly rare but still available. As the colonies separated from the mother country, American cabinetmakers showed their independence as well as their skill in transforming English models into new forms with fresh motifs.

Prices listed below may seem higher than for comparable English pieces. The chief reason for this is rarity. And most 18th-century American furniture was proportioned for smaller rooms. It is more versatile, more in demand for today's smaller houses. For the serious collector, American furniture is a good investment, not likely to diminish in value.

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FOR BEST HERBS, GROW YOUR OWN

By ELVIN McDONALD ☐ It has been said that the ideal time to pick sweet corn is when the water in the pot starts to boil. The same expediency holds true for herbs. Their flavor, however pungent or subtle, goes into immediate decline after picking.

Obviously, the thing to do is to grow your own. The good news is that many herbs are cultivated outdoors as easily as common annuals—and indoors they have requirements similar to a vast number of house plants, begonias for example.

Some herbs are grown primarily for seasoning, others for good scents. Among the favorites for culinary purposes are sweet basil, chives, dill, oregano, parsley, rosemary, thyme, sage, various mints, savory, sweet bay and tarragon. Others you may want to try include anise, borage, caraway, chervil, Florence fennel and sweet marjoram.

Herbs grow as easily indoors as a vast number of house plants do

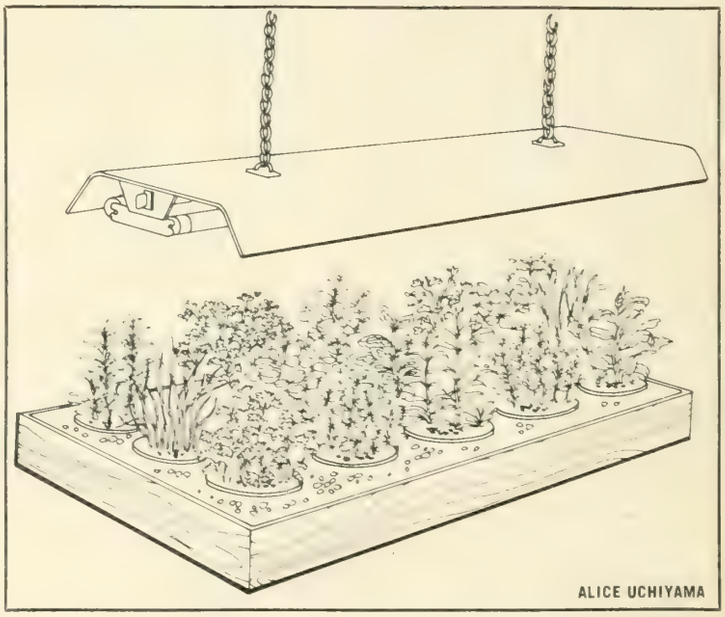
Herbs cultivated primarily—or entirely—for the good scents they give off, especially when a leaf is squeezed, include lavender, catnip (used, of course, for making tea) and scented geraniums. Besides the fairly common rose-scented geranium, there are varieties with the fragrance of nutmeg, apple, lemon, coconut, pineapple and orange.

Young plants of all these herbs may be found at some local nurseries and garden centers in the spring and often well into summer. Certain growers also have young plants available in early fall specifically for growing indoors as house plants.

You can also grow many of the choicest herbs from seeds. Some of the easier ones to be started this way include basil, chives, dill, parsley, anise, borage, caraway, marjoram, fennel and summer savory.

Keep in mind, herbs love fresh air and lots of sun

If you're a good container gardener who never forgets to water, you should be able to keep sweet bay, rosemary and lemon-verbena indefinitely. As container plants however, they should not be left outdoors in freezing weather. The best place for them in the winter is a cool, sunny place where temperatures seldom go above 70° F. Hot, dry, artificial heat is not to their liking at any time.



ALICE UCHIYAMA

Outdoors, herbs need at least half a day of sunlight for best growth. Water enough so that the soil never dries out severely; if they are planted directly in the ground, you may not have to water much, especially if a thick mulch is used. However, pots of herbs outdoors in hot summer weather may need to be watered several times a week. If you want to grow herbs in containers at a weekend house, either use sizable pots (12-inch in diameter or larger) or incorporate a water-holding ingredient such as Viterra hydrogel (available from Burpee's catalogue) in potting (*Continued*)

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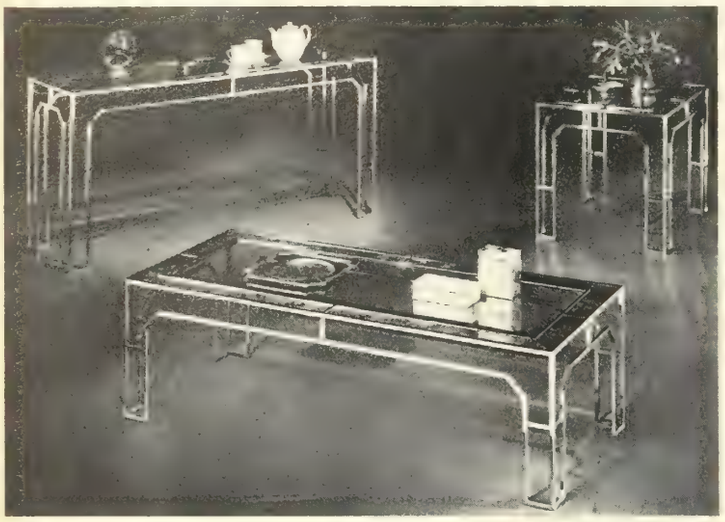
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If you want to grow herbs indoors, it makes little difference whether you live in a high-rise apartment or a house in the country. Herbs are fairly consistent in their requirements. Indoors, all need as much direct sun as possible; an unobstructed window facing south is probably best, but a sunny east or west window works well.

Herbs will also grow well in

Potted herbs need evenly moist soil; avoid soggy wetness, stale air, severe drying

a fluorescent-light garden, like that shown on page 14. You can put together a basic light garden for herbs by using a reflector fixture that holds two 20- or two 40-watt tubes. One proven combination of tubes is to use one Cool White with one Warm White. Or use one Cool White with one of the broad-spectrum tubes labeled specifically for growing plants. Suspend the unit so that the uppermost leaves of the plants will be four to six inches below the tubes. Burn the lights 14 to 16 hours out of every 24. An automatic timer will assure days of uniform length even when you are away from home.

If you can spare the counter space, your most convenient place for a fluorescent-light garden of herbs is to install undercabinet lighting in the kitchen. A reflector unit for two 20-watt tubes will require a space about 12 by 24 inches; this will give maximum growing light for an area of approximately the same dimensions. Two 40-watt tubes will require a 12 by 48-inch space and provide enough light for numerous herbs plus a few flowering plants such as begonias and African violets.

After light, temperature is the most important requirement of herbs cultivated indoors, especially during the winter heating season. Almost without exception, herbs are fresh-air fiends. Temperatures much over 70°F., especially in combination with dry, stale air, are definitely not to their liking. If you have a place where temperatures stay generally in a wintertime range of 60° to 72°F., herbs should thrive—but they do need fresh, circulating air even in cold weather. (If temperatures outside are below 40°F., slightly open a window a few feet away from the herbs so that the cold air does not blow directly on the tender leaves.)

Herbs will do best indoors if

Herbs grow well in fluorescent light

the pots are grouped together in a pebble humidity tray. With this arrangement, as for other house plants, the idea is to keep just enough water in the tray so that the pebbles are wet but the pots do not actually stand in water. If in the past you've had trouble with small pots of herbs drying out too frequently, try using a deeper tray, like that sketched on page 14, with the moist peat moss or the pebbles placed right up to the pot rims.

Water potted herb plants as soon as the soil on the surface begins to feel on the dry side when you pinch some of it between your fingers. If you wait until the leaves wilt, you have waited too long. Once a month, apply a fish emulsion fertilizer. When roots fill a pot, you can transplant to a container a size or two larger; add a mixture of two parts packaged all-purpose potting soil to one part of perlite (or use sand).

The relatively low light indoors, combined with constant warmth, tends to cause herb plants to grow spindly. You can

Keep leaves clean and bug-free by rinsing in water

partly counteract this by clipping off the tips frequently to use in cooking.

Keep potted herbs clean-leaved and bug-free by rinsing each plant weekly in a gentle shower of tepid water. Do not use pesticides on any herb you plan to be eating.

Although most herbs will grow indoors, tarragon requires a special treatment: It needs an annual period of frost. If you're an apartment dweller, possibly you can arrange to set your pot of tarragon outdoors on the sill in autumn for a two- or three-week freezing period. Finally bring it inside, cut back and watch for fresh new growth. ■

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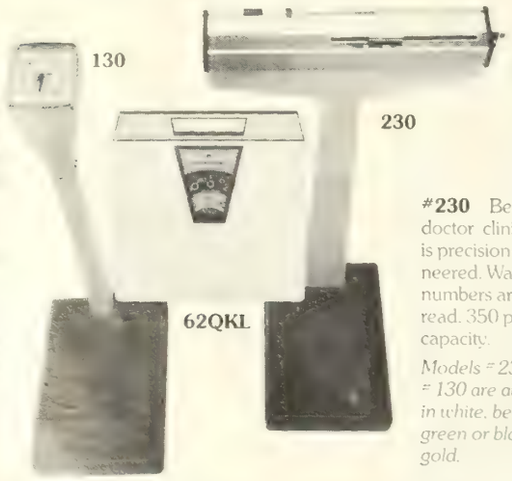
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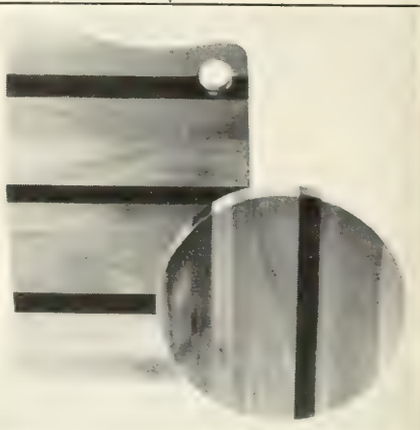
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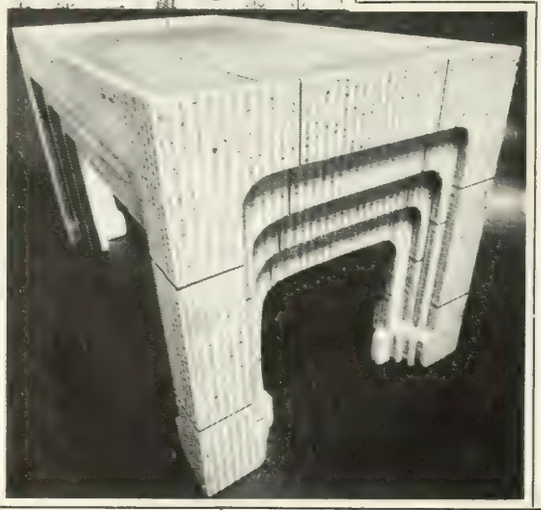


By MARY BOWDEN
Oil-rubbed oak planter (left) has leakproof liner and a light to enliven plants. Place it on a shelf or hang it in a kitchen or family room—and it's especially nice in a bathroom. From a complete line of oak bathroom accessories, "The Country Collectibles," designed by O.B. Solie, for Counselor. "Plantagere," $55.

Hardwood boards (right) are accented with dark walnut to serve sliced meats or cheese wedges at casual gatherings or make useful, dramatic kitchen utility boards for slicing, mincing or chopping vegetables. Rectangular board is 14 by nine by 1¼ inches thick, $9. Circular board is nine inches in diameter and $6. By Vermillion Inc.

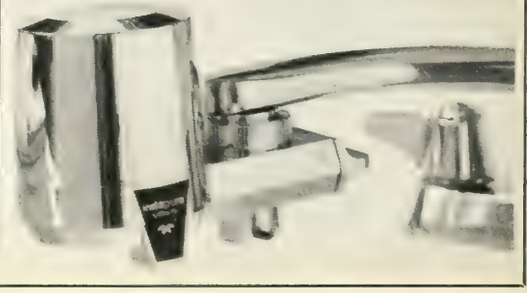


Old Chinese calligraphy on rice paper (left) spreads its message all over this nest of tables produced by Korean Designer Roe Kasian. The lacquer-finished tables are alcohol-proof and lightweight and sturdily constructed for easy mobility at party time. Top table is 18 by 29 by 16 inches high. Group also stacks in reverse to form a modular étagère. Set of four, about $300; triangular tables (not shown), $300 a set of six.



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30 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFORE KITCHEN REMODELING

First among the keys to a smooth-running kitchen remodeling is organization. In the initial planning phase, good organization puts your thoughts into a logical sequence. It converts what you "see" vaguely to a firm vision your architect and/or contractor are able to decipher and produce.

Grouped below are 30 questions to ask yourself to ease the seemingly unrelated thoughts about a new kitchen into a unified dream.

SHAPE AND SIZE make up the first category, to help decide what ought to be the general dimensions and the most useful contours of your kitchen.

1. *How serious are you about cooking?*
Is the kitchen a stage for culinary skills or a means to throw together family meals?

Anyone with Epicurian leanings needs space—organized, of course—in which to be messy. Meal tossers can get by admirably in a small kitchen.

Be honest. If you're happier buying frozen French fries and delicatessen-mixed cole slaw, then there's no cooking reason for wanting a big kitchen. In fact, for the rather-play-tennis-than-cook person, a one-wall galley kitchen could suffice.

Both walking-around space and work space are important to the gourmet, along with such items as specialized storage, chopping and dough-rolling counters, built-in bookshelves, separate sinks plus seating space available.

2. *Does more than one person work in your kitchen at the same time?*
Put emphasis on the word *work*. Teenagers rooting for snacks and spouses hunting for the ice crusher don't qualify. But if *you* toss the perfect salad and *he* mixes batter for *crêpes*, your elbows shouldn't lock in mid-mix. Obviously, in such case you need more space than is standard.

Also consider separate sinks and separate work surfaces (often accomplished with a strategically placed island).

3. *Do you enjoy having company nearby as you cook?*
A kitchen open to a living area brings the family and cook or friends and cook together. A separate-but-super-sized kitchen allows the same freedom. Do plan, though, for some distinction between living area and food preparation center. And in the second case, make allowances for seating so your guests don't have to stand and talk.

4. *Do you want to keep an eye on your children as you are cooking?*
A kitchen open to a family room or playroom is a partial solution. You'll also want a clear view to the yard in which the youngsters play most often. And a table in the kitchen can become a daytime crafts table for the young set to use.

5. *Do you and your family enjoy eating in the kitchen?*
Yes? Then allow the space. Four people can sit comfortably at a round table 48 inches in diameter or a rectangular one 36 by 42 inches. Or look to a built-in table to save floor space. Keep any table out of the traffic flow and think of ways to make it a pleasant and attractive place—next to a window overlooking a garden, for example.

6. *Do your cocktail parties have a way of gravitating to the kitchen?*
Anyone with a small kitchen knows the agony of simultaneously sipping a drink, making small talk, greeting new arrivals, washing the lettuce, checking the oven—all this plus getting through a crowd to reach the refrigerator.

Small kitchens and parties don't blend well. A large kitchen, a kitchen open to living areas or a family kitchen relieves the crush and relaxes the hosts. (Definition for a family kitchen is a kitchen/sitting room combination.) To entertain there, forswear the spartan kitchen. Release your innermost feelings about decorating. Make your kitchen a place your guests will love to see as well as gather in—a personal declaration.

7. *Where do you eat?*
Many people do not limit themselves to the kitchen and dining room. There's also the terrace or sunroom, living room, den or family room. If you prefer to dine in any of these spaces, plan ahead. Tie the terrace and kitchen together with sliding glass doors. Open a door to the sunroom. Open the kitchen to the family room.

8. *Does the concept of a kitchen mean more than cooking to you?*
In spaces near or a part of the kitchen, people have sewed or washed clothes, gardened, written novels, mounted butterflies. If you've always wanted a separate place for your own special activities, now—before you begin remodeling—is the time to start planning for them.

9. *Have you heard of the kitchen triangle?* (*Continued*)



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How does this formula work in a one-wall galley kitchen? It doesn't. The galley is the least efficient shape. Generally, it's a part-time kitchen or a last-ditch solution to a problem of too little space.

Open space between facing counters ought to be at least 48 inches (we recommend 54 inches), a distance in which two people can pass comfortably. This rule is bent somewhat in computing the space between an island counter and facing counters. Here, 42 inches is considered sufficient. Reason: passage is open on either side of the island.

Now turn your attention to **WORK SPACES,** the second category of revealing questions.

10. *What is enough work space?*
Here are the minimums: 24 inches of space on either side of the sink; 24 inches of counter on either side of the range, one surfaced in a heat-resistant material; 24 inches of counter on one side of a built-in oven; 30 inches of counter beside or near the refrigerator.

The next three questions detail workspace needs for three particular activities. They are guides to follow in planning for your own cooking routine—whatever that might be.

11. *Do you make sandwiches daily?*
Keeping small children all supplied with school lunches is demanding enough. Make your task easier with a counter planned especially for this task. Consider a cutting board, ventilated bread storage, special niches for wrap, knives, spreaders, slicers, paper bags, thermoses, plastic cutlery—everything in good supply and all handy.

12. *Are you fond of baking?*
First of all, section off a portion of your counter just for that happy pursuit. Install a marble or Corian counter, surfaces on which dough rolls out the way the book says it should. Storage should be planned for a truly good mixer, rolling pins, baking pans, flour, sugar, baking powder, variety of spices, yeast and similar accouterments.

13. *Do you grow your own vegetables and plan to preserve them?*
Setting aside a space for jars, tops, strainers, pans, paraffin and the like is only part of the solution. You'll also want a comfortable space to prepare your fruits or vegetables for preserving and cool storage with air circulation. Freezing food is closely related and calls for the same counter space, plus extra freezer storage.

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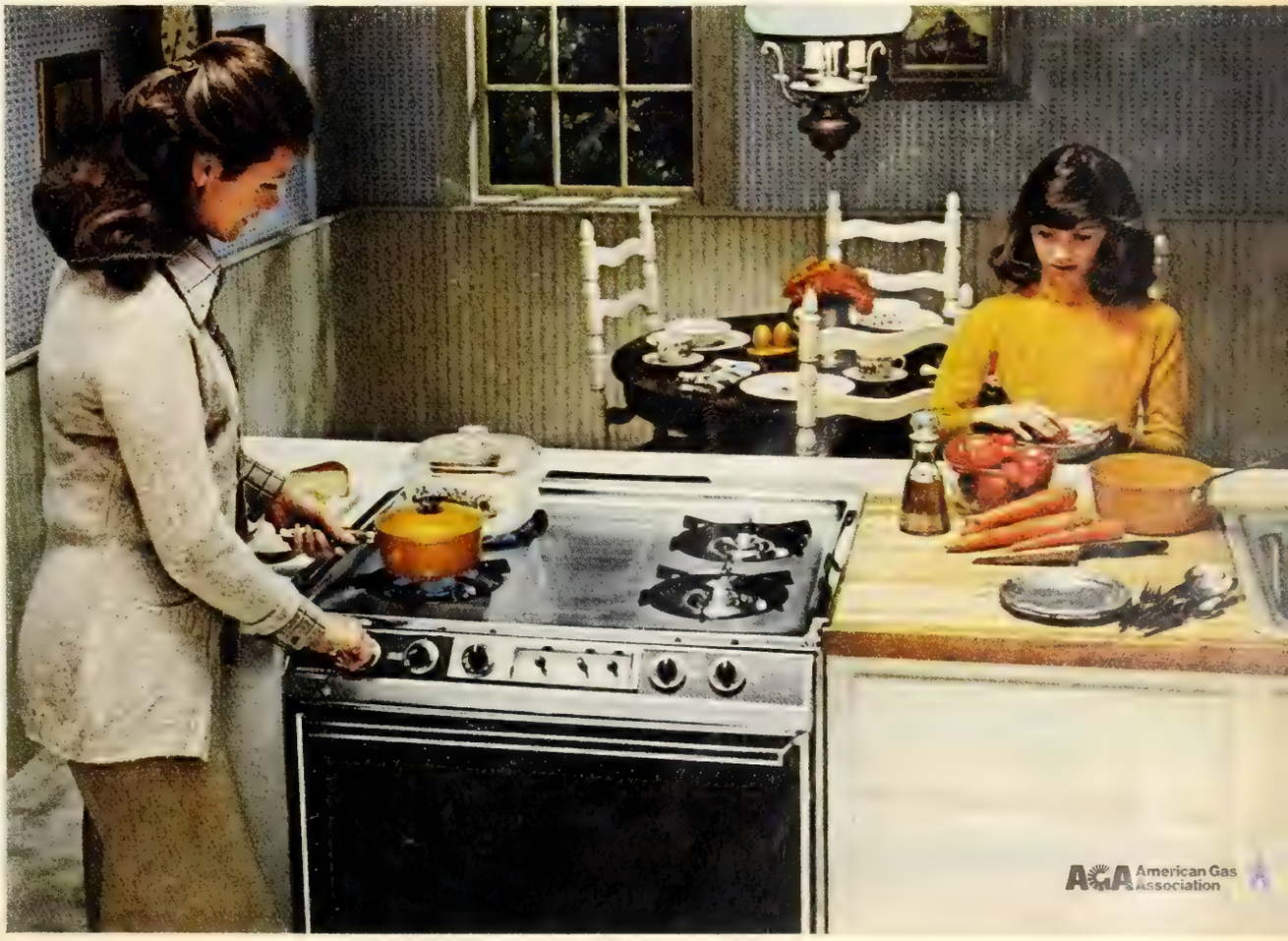
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14. *Where will you store the corn popper . . . and the toaster, and the blender and the coffee urn. . . ?*
Your portable appliances were probably purchased after you settled in your present kitchen. Now that you're remodeling, you have a chance to plan specific storage space, strategically placed, for each piece of equipment. Think about equipment you intend to buy and set aside space for that, too.

15. *Where are the squeegee, pail and cleaners to go?*
Most likely, into a utility closet. How they go in is the vital consideration. As you plan this storage, think, "I want it all to go in so that I can get it out easily" and plan the interior of that closet to fit.

16. *Why not a closet pantry?*
Install shelving on the three interior closet walls and shelving on the closet door. Or in a space-shy kitchen, try floor-to-ceiling, wall-thick shelving between two walls studs—room enough for 16-ounce cans and most condiment bottles.

17. *Did you know cabinet manufacturers produce specialized storage units?*
To name a few: vertical files for trays and cookie sheets, slide-out cutting boards, revolving shelves for corner cabinets, cutlery trays, ventilated vegetable bins. Look them over. You may be surprised and pleased at the versatility offered.

EQUIPMENT is the next category. Without this, a kitchen would hardly be a kitchen.

18. *Are you up to date on new developments?*
Here's a sampling you might want to think about: self-ventilated electric cooktops, a barbecue grill for a cooktop or range (gas or electric), smooth-surface cooktops, self-cleaning ovens, microwave ovens and convection ovens.

19. *Have you thought about the lighting?*
Even lighting experts agree that daylight is the best daytime source. Otherwise, plan an overall source of light, plus task lighting over counters and over each work center.

20. *Have you ever wanted a fireplace in the kitchen?*
Now's the time to think about it, and while you're at it. . .

21. *Why not consider a real charcoal barbecue, alongside the fireplace or separate from it?*
If you decide in favor, keep in mind the need for ventilation—even with a conventional flue.

22. *Do you know the value of good ventilation?*
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23. *Have you planned for waste disposal?*
It's likely you have a food waste disposer and know its value. Then there's the trash compactor. This paper-glass-and-can gobbler fits neatly beneath a counter and comes in 12- and 15-inch widths.

24. *Are you sure the wiring will be adequate?*
While a mixer draws a mere 127 watts, the average toaster uses 1,146 and an electric range over 12,200. Based on the electrical equipment you plan, kitchen wiring requirements may have to be revised. Discuss this with your contractor.

25. *Have you thought about the convenience of built-in appliances?*
Blenders, mixers, sharpeners—many small appliances are produced for permanent installation. Grouping them could make life easier for you and wiring easier for the electrician.

The last and perhaps most important category is **DECORATING.** Final five questions should organize your thoughts.

26. *What is your favorite kitchen color?*
Whatever you choose should be the dominant theme in your decorating plan. And remember that a bright kitchen is a more cheerful place to work. Bright and light colors also reflect more light to make the space factually brighter.

27. *Have you chosen a floor?*
Here is a material checklist: vinyl sheet or tile, ceramic tile, quarry tile, slate, brick, carpet.

28. *Have you selected your counter material?*
Choose from plastic laminate, ceramic tile, wood block, marble or Corian. And, as mentioned above, you may want to specify different materials for different work spaces.

29. *What's best for walls?*
Paint or wallpaper? Tile, brick or wall paneling? And do not neglect the ceiling—a perfect surface to continue or match your dominant color theme.

30. *Have you thought about accessories?*
You wouldn't think twice about choosing wall hangings, paintings, photographs and bibelots for the living room. Why not apply the same decorating magic to the kitchen? Just muse about the amount of time you spend in the kitchen. Don't you deserve a beautiful room also? ■

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I notice you have removable baskets and adjustable racks.

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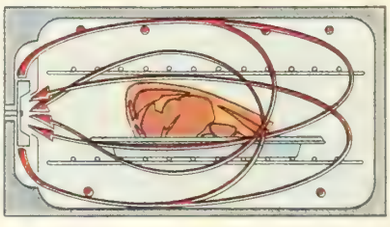
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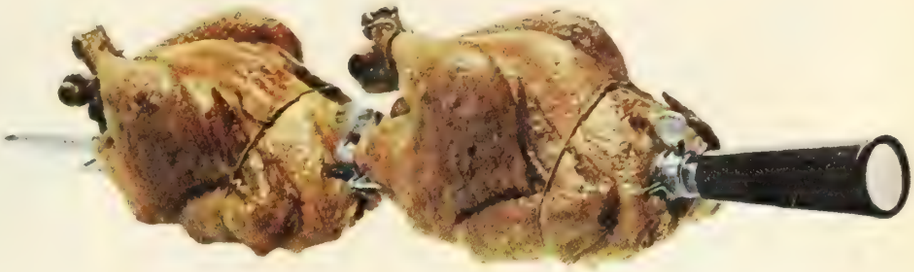


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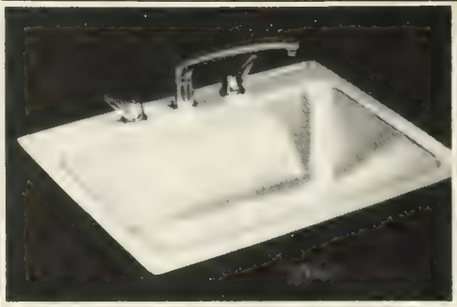
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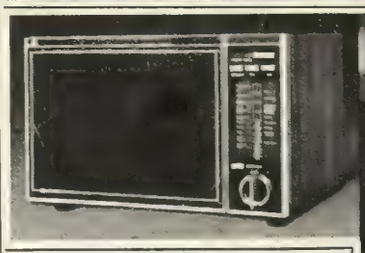
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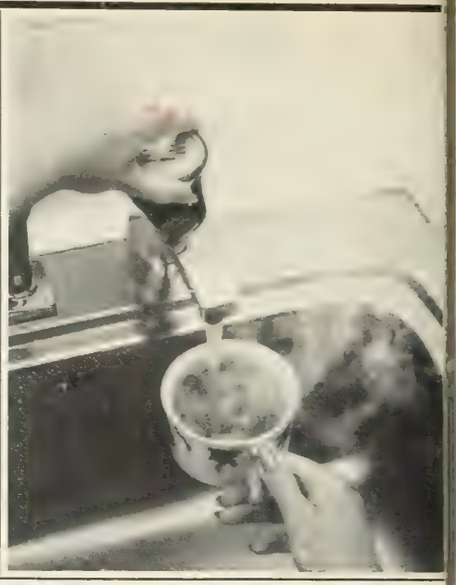
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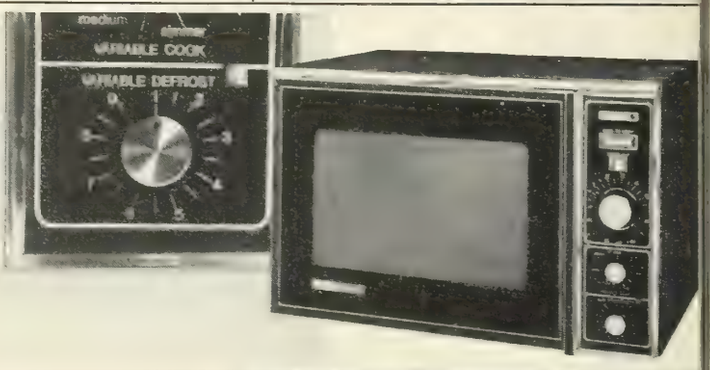
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Timing is everything: Admiral's "Micro-Range" (above) has a solid-state variable cook cycle simulating those slow to high temperature controls of a conventional range. Variable defrost control offers several heating-resting intervals to pace proper thawing of all frozen foods.





Designer's dream: "Fashion Front Panel" by Whirlpool is made of opaque Plexiglas, with the look of black jade, to coordinate your refrigerator with black-glass oven doors. And it will fit some Whirlpool side-by-side and top-freezer models made as far back as five years ago. Double bi-level oven (left) combines microwave speed with the features of a self-cleaning conventional oven. Its smart design has black glass doors and fits into a 27-inch kitchen cabinet. Thermador's "Thermatronic II."

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directions in the front of the jar, where you can read them. This is more than a matter of economics. Once your new kitchen is complete, your social life will blossom, what with all the friends who drop in to see if you actually went ahead and put on that wild wallpaper. You will be too busy socializing to completely restock your shelves.

Large, sturdy shopping bags can be to you what Vuitton luggage is to the Beautiful People. Use these bags to store cookie sheets, griddles, curtain rods, kabob skewers, wax paper and vinyl and foil wraps. Folding tables, all sizes, will be your salvation during the big push—not only for serving meals, but for holding your portable cooking equipment and food staples.

Two or more weeks of meals without range or oven may be a revelation in the versatility of portable appliances. In fact, even after you move into your new kitchen, you'll find yourself using portables to better advantage than before.

Our small dining room became our off-kitchen kitchen. We moved the table against the wall, covered it with a heavy pad and a vinyl cloth and used it as our galley for electric toaster-oven, electric fry pan, small electric burner with non-tipping wide sides and a large wooden cutting board.

After you arrange your own little galley, you may want to break the rule of no cooking in the Serenity Room. You'll find comfort in outfitting a small table or serving cart with electric coffee-maker or electric hot pot for tea. This will give you the luxury of a quiet cup of coffee with the friends who call to advise you to eat out.

In fact, "Eat out!" will be the battle cry of most kitchen remodeling sympathizers as they trot out their favorite story of "The Day the Kitchen Sink Disappeared." But after a day in an office or at home cleaning up the fall-out, a plate of scrambled eggs in peace can seem more attractive. With small children in the family, just the logistics of getting everyone to the restaurant makes eating-in an easier solution. But be sure to invest in lots of disposable tableware for days when the kitchen sink isn't working.

If you have a great take-out food shop around the corner, eating-in can be a blissful path of eggrolls. But if all you can manage, portable food-wise, are the same happyburgers and fries, you'll probably be better off doing some advance food planning at home.

Now is the time to take advantage of all the frozen foods that can be reheated in close quarters: vegetable combinations, pastas, welsh rarebit, waffles, rice dishes and meat and poultry pies.

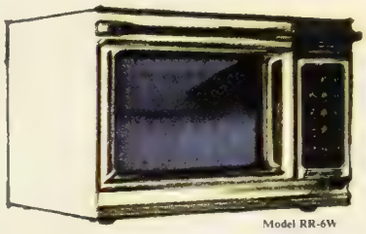
In the weeks before the kitchen closes shop, consider doubling your main dishes as you prepare meals, then freezing the extra in small containers that fit your toaster-oven, electric fry pan or electric multi-purpose cooker. This is the time for simple, satisfying food that can be a complete meal without additional sauces or garnishes. Try stews, small meat loaves, chicken casseroles, goulash, eggplant parmigiana, vegetable soup, lamb chops in barbecue sauce, shrimp creole. Or you can arrange your extra food in individual portions on small foil trays for freezing: a chicken leg with servings of rice, glazed carrots and a dinner roll, for example. These can be standbys on days when the family members all seem to need meals at different times.

Don't drag the dead weight of years of cooking habits along with you into a bright new room. Get rid of pots and pans you haven't used for years and fill in with some you'd like to try—a Chinese wok, for example. Use the opportunity to put the just-right-size crêpe pan where you can reach it and to try out a new vegetable recipe in a cookbook that is now out on a shelf, instead of being buried beneath the dish towels.

But as any honest kitchen guru will admit, in spite of all this good organization, you'll have moments of despair in your remodeling. And when, on a Friday afternoon at 4:30, the fourth shade of custom-blended, non-returnable yellow paint *still* doesn't match the wallpaper and the painters must leave for another job, it's time for chanting of the kitchen mantra, that mystic phrase that will sustain you until the painters show up in three weeks with the fifth version of yellow trim. Walk resolutely away from your disaster area into your Serenity Room and repeat these words of consolation and faith: *You'll love it when it's finished!* ■

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Editor NANCY CRAIG □ Kitchen Designer Reva Robinson and her husband, Ira Earl "Bud" Robinson, both are "eclectic collectors. We collect anything and everything we find pleasant to live with." And she has used many of those treasures in remodeling the kitchen of the 18th-century farmhouse they share with their three children and numerous pets. Once an uninviting kitchen, laundry room and mudroom, the space is now a charming combination of old and new within the framework of one rough-hewn expanse of slate floors and beamed ceilings. "I wanted a kitchen that

'I WANTED A KITCHEN THAT WOULD SPAN ALL CULTURES'

would span all cultures," Mrs. Robinson notes. With Cabinetmaker Richard N. Moser, she designed cabinets and a center island from old barn siding (*far right*), with a dishwasher and a second sink in the island. Copper pots gleam from a rack that was once an old guard rail (*above*). Storage is also thoughtfully placed—with a swing-out closet built on each side of the refrigerator/freezer (*below near right*) and one cabinet especially for cheese and dessert serving accessories (*above near right*). The backsplash behind the range (*near right center*) is of stone found on

'I WANTED IT BIG... BUT BEAUTIFUL'

the farm, cut thin and faced like tile. "We are a family of doers," says Reva Robinson, "and with all our entertaining—a sit-down dinner for 30 is not unusual—I need a big kitchen where several people can work at once. But," she adds, "I also wanted it to be beautiful."







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"I wanted to be able to light a candle in one corner and have it look Country French, light one in another corner and make it look Italian Provincial or English." And those are only three of the styling influences in Reva Robinson's vibrant breakfast area, seen from the kitchen through tall arches (*above*). Using "the stucco, brick and wood common to all country situations," she has created a plant-filled space (*near right*) with a wide skylight that is light-years away from its old dark past as a laundry room. Storage is commodious, but guised everywhere as decorative displays: one baker's rack holds an assortment of platters and servers (*above right*), another a grouping of tureens and fruit bowls beneath a Joseph Procopio painting (*center right below*); a mesh-fronted cabinet shows off her Royal Worcester china (*center right*). The adjacent mudroom (see *plan*) was the original kitchen of the 1790 farmhouse and all new stonework was matched to its masonry walls (*far right*). Now fitted with a juice bar, ice-maker and sink, the mudroom is a multi-purpose family space where the children can enter without tracking Spring Meadow Farm's dirt through the house. And the mudroom, too, shares in the glamor brought by the Robinsons' collectibles. "We pick up things when we travel," Mrs. Robinson notes, and favorites from everywhere have been mixed in happy juxtaposition: the primitive cow artifact made from natural wood lath by Edward Smith, near the sink (*top center*) and a spread-winged eagle from an old weathervane on a glass-topped table (*top right*), a plentitude of old baskets hanging over a setting lighted by the modern free-standing fireplace.

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rewriting the script

Rock Hudson transforms a dated, too-small-to-turn-around-in kitchen into a household star

Editor RUTH WEIL □ The old space was "hardly big enough to turn around in"—the euphemism for any kitchen that functions poorly. **That was before Actor Rock Hudson undertook to rewrite the script.** Before, it was a cramped space—especially for a man who stands as high and wide (and handsome) in life as he does on the screen. Now, after a 10-foot expansion and a total reorganization of its 1930s floor plan, the kitchen bears about the same relationship to its prior state as a starring role does to a walk-on bit.

"It has become the center of the household. Everything happens in this kitchen." When work began, Hudson, Chef Peter Prescott and Contractor Michael Miklenda were facing a narrow, one-light-bulb, lineoleum-floored kitchen with white and yellow cabinets. Within a period of three months, during which time a dressing-room trailer from Hudson's television series *McMillan and Wife* was used for cooking, they designed and built the colorful environment seen here. **The completed kitchen mixes and enlarges on both old and new design ideas and materials. Everything is scaled to Rock Hudson's size: high counters, large chairs, no low-hanging or bump-head projections.** Classic, thick brick arches hold sophisticated cooking gear—a Char-Glo barbecue and a Thermador cooktop with seven elements and griddle; three ovens. New custom-made tiles from Mexico were given an antique look by applying them to the walls of the work island in an irregular fashion. **And the sit-down dining area has a sweeping view of nature's *cinéma vérité*.** Where one person was once a crowd, this kitchen is now as warmly inviting for a solitary breakfast as it is for a business lunch foursome or the food preparation for 40.

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Hudson's updated kitchen gained 10 feet of additional real space by annexing the old laundry room and turning it into a pantry (*see plan*). **With storage now quartered in that area, he could put new-found kitchen space to other uses**—and a washer/dryer now fits neatly, unobtrusively into a kitchen wall shared with a built-in Sub-Zero refrigerator/freezer. The tile-faced work island (*left*) houses two Waste King dishwashers, a disposer and a NuTone appliance center and provides ample counter space for work as well as for displaying a show of favorite flowering plants. (Gloxinias are the superstars of the moment.) The rack above holds a decorative and purposeful display of copper pots and still more plants. **Besides this actual space gain, the kitchen was visually opened up with a wall-wide band of horizontal glass in**

at one side of the room, a 'wall' of horizontal glass provides diners with a wide-screen panorama of the greenery outdoors

personal influences are in counterpoint to workaday efficiency

the dining area (*right*). Here, Hudson can breakfast and lunch at an oak table matched to the one in his formal dining room and moved there as an extension table for holiday dinners. Peter Prescott designed the wine rack over the ovens and the handmade linens seen here (*above*) with Rosenthal's "Siena" china, Towle's "Debussy" silver and antique pewter plates Hudson purchased in Germany. Very personal, too, is the actor's collection of copper molds now shining against the brick walls—and his love of the sea is handsomely reflected in a kitchen clock made from a bronze porthole frame and in ship's cleats that are used as hardware in the pantry.

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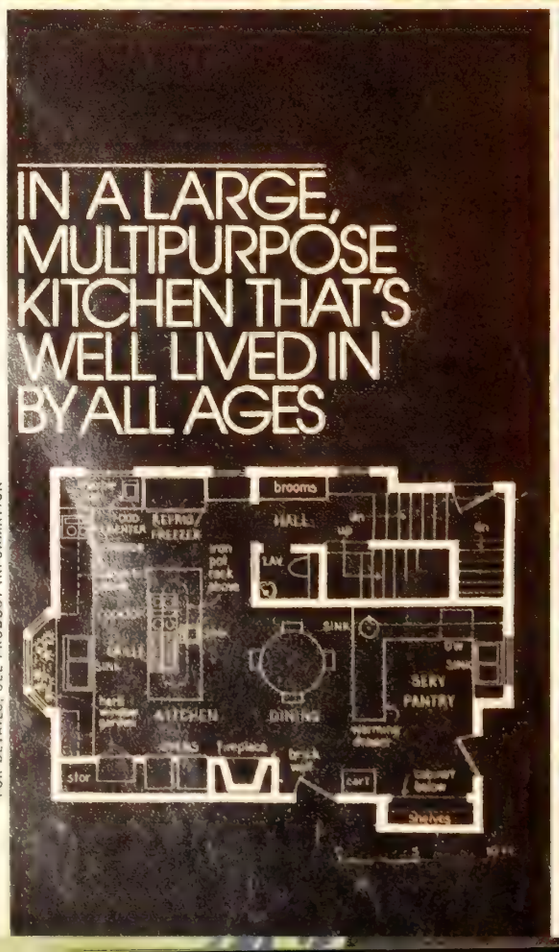


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Escoffier would have given his eyeteeth and his *batterie de cuisine* for a kitchen as perfectly equipped as this, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Davis. **And every three-meal-a-day cook with an active, on-the-scene family will appreciate how gracefully it puts meal-getting and serving into an atmosphere as inviting as a living room.** It is a remodeling of two rooms into one, the design of Kitchen Architect Janean, in close collaboration with her client. Mrs. Davis has precisely what she wanted—a top-notch kitchen where she can work near the comings and goings of all the family (three school-aged youngsters and two foreign-exchange students). **Here meals are eaten in cozy mannerliness next to an open hearth, and her antique china, French Provincial chairs and Oriental-rug runners are as visually and functionally appropriate as her travel-souvenir collection of copper cookware.** The hearthside (*lower right*) provides a barbecue, and built into the old-brick wall are a microwave oven, two conventional ovens, a warming drawer and a cold pantry for cool, unrefrigerated storage. Dining table sits logically between the cooking area and the dishwasher in the serving pantry (*see plan*). The pantry door leads to formal dining room. Cookbook shelves and tarnish-proof drawers for silver are built into the arched and lighted niche (*near right above*). **Self-ventilating cooktop and grill are set into the butcher-block top of the cooking island, which is a bonanza of engineered under-counter storage space** (*far right*). Also here: a water fountain for the youngsters and the hidden workings of a housewide stereo system. The long food-preparation counter contains icemaker, dishwasher, an instant boiling water tap—and an herb garden in its window bay.





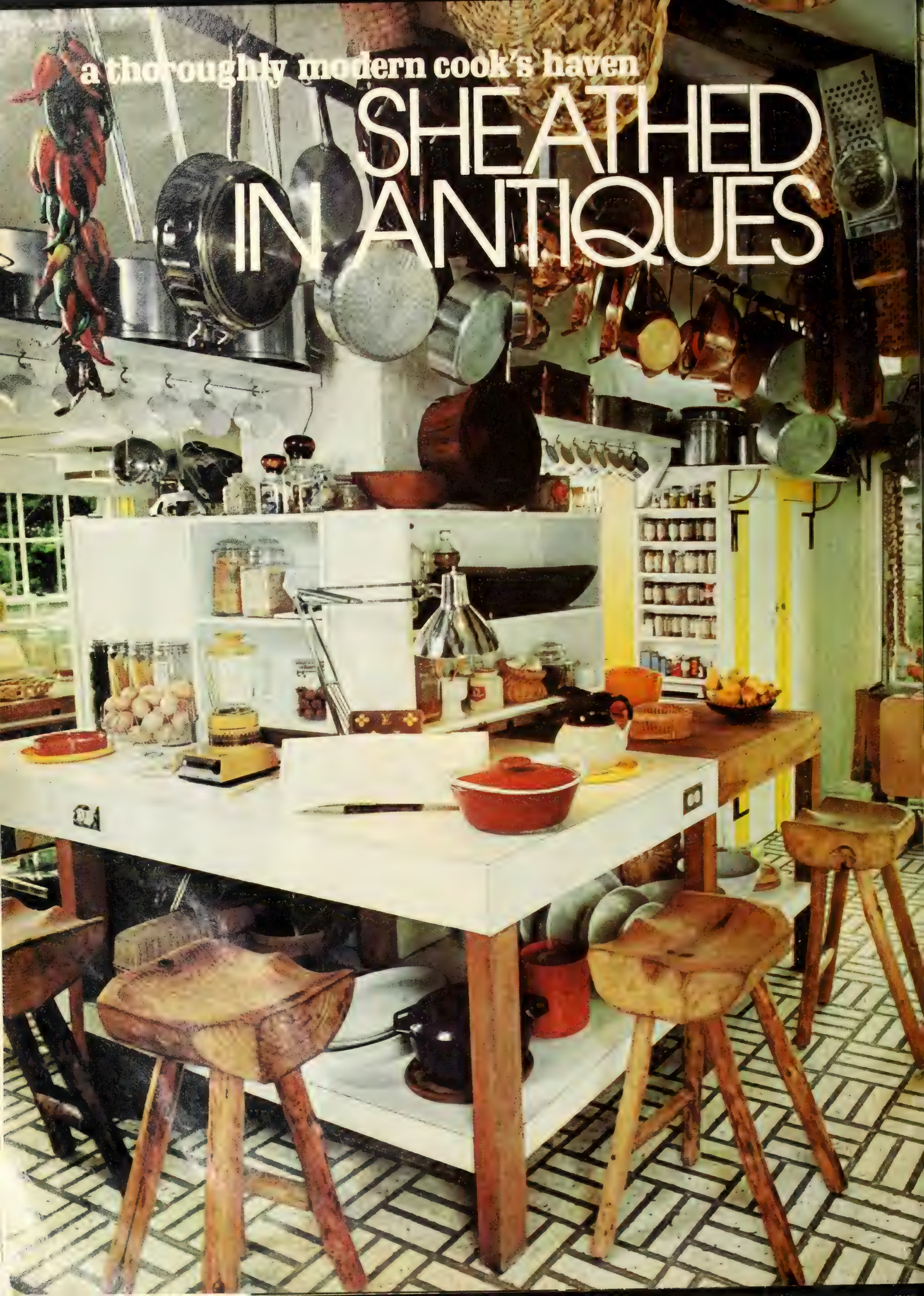


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The house is a gem of Americana preserved—a double-door Cape Cod-style structure originally built in 1743, added-on to before the Civil War. **In their own remodeling, Jerry Finegold and Tom Rowlands wanted to keep that historical flavor while creating a modern, convenient kitchen.** The result of the collaboration between Finegold the gourmet cook and Rowlands the artist, the formal designer on the project, was this spacious area of beamed catha-

all cookware is precisely arranged for convenience & a stunning visual mix

dral ceiling and rustic woods—and almost every cooking convenience an up-to-date cook could want. They describe it as a room of "well-organized clutter." The center island (*left*) could easily accommodate a team of chefs mixing, chopping or just watching from the Mexican wood stools. **Anything that isn't right before them is apt to be just overhead, where all manner of pots, baskets and utensils—old and new—hang from the beams.** A complete library of cookbooks is shelved along one wall (*above*), while a second work station is set up by the windows (*below right*). The wood-topped table whimsically decorated with Italian ceramic tile serves them both as a food preparation center and as a desk. This small corner (*inset above left*) with telephone and writing area is lit by a unique hollow-based lamp, designed by Rowlands, that holds kitchen tools. **All around this king-sized room are equally king-sized appliances,** including a giant ice cube-maker and a commercial dishwasher beside the two sinks (*center right*).





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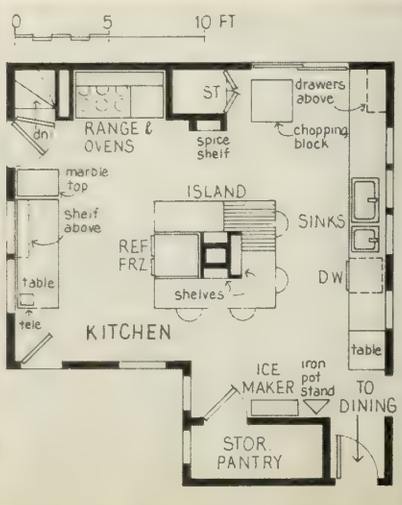


As befits a house that dates from 1743, the new was never allowed to upstage the old. Amid the wealth of antiques, even the six-burner range and two ovens (*above left*) assume an aged patina. **The sleek white cabinets and storage bins are but a backdrop for the old butcher-block chopping table decked with copper pans, woven baskets and a wire fruit tree** (*below left*). The old keeping room (originally two keeping rooms, one for

the old keeping room is now a setting for elegant dining

each part of the duplex-style house) is now the dining room (*see plan below*). Its wide floorboards, typical of the period, are left uncovered, as then, though now are highly polished. Around the dining table (*right*), set with Imari china on pewter plates (*inset above near right*), are Louis XVI chairs with leather cushions. **Accessories are, again, a happy mix—flower-filled Dutch *tulipier*, an 18th-century Irish chandelier and early 20th-century American folk art flying horse, a collection of plates over the hearth** (*above*), near the startingly life-sized Indian figure, once an iron weathervane, c. 1800. It is a room for two who love to entertain and to collect—and the antique wine corker is always ready, attached to the table beside the host's place for vintage toasts to frequent guests.

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A WORKSPACE
STYLED
WITH GREAT
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Editor NANCY CRAIG □ It seems a natural setting for Mrs. Fred Honig. Here are the unadorned woods, the clear colors, the crisp lines we'd expect to be chosen by someone born in Sweden—along with the superb organization that's demanded by a fine cook. Both the Honigs worked closely with Designer Bill Baker to remodel their Westchester County, N.Y., kitchen to have just that combination of flair and function. Space is economically used but beautifully detailed, the dining area

EACH AREA IS SUPERBLY DETAILED

(*above*) and sewing center (*next page*) each given their own portion of the room. Yet all has enormous visual unity through the repeated theme of pure natural woods—in the imported cabinets (*right*), the lengths of butcher-block counters, the wood-paneled refrigerator/freezer (*left*)—all set off by dramatic leather-look vinyl flooring tiles on the diagonal.



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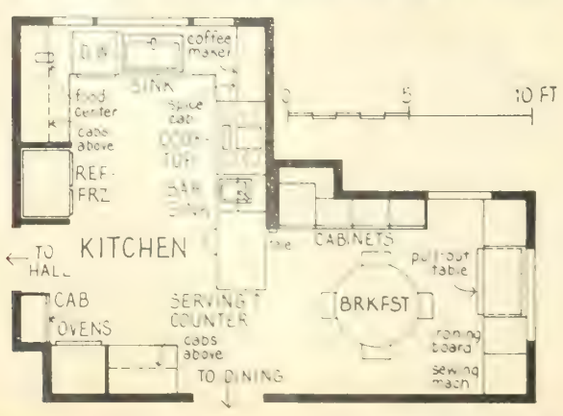








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Mrs. Honig was able to get much of her organization built in by carefully choosing fitted cabinets imported from West Germany. Designed without pulls, each unit offers an external look of sleek, vertically lined natural oak (*top right*). Open, they reveal such creative storage combinations as a condiments section with spice rack, tilted bottle holders and slide-out bins (*above left*) and a corner unit with deep swing-out racks for large baking pans (*above right*). The unique pull-out ventilating hood over the

BUILT-INS EVERYWHERE MAKE I

range (*top left*) lies flush with the wall when not in use. Counters were given equal thought—varying from the maple hardwood in the chopping areas to the scratch- and temperature-resistant, man-made "Corian" beside a combination "Thermatronic" microwave/conventional self-cleaning oven/warming drawer unit. Each material is an effective foil for the



anciscan tile backsplash. Other built-ins include a completely automatic umbed-in drip coffee-maker beside the range (*see plan at left*), with n electric coffee grinder always near at hand. Designer Baker applied the ime careful detailing to the dining and sewing areas (*above*). Here the onigs and their three children dine around an antique oak table before a ooded view. Lightly patterned vinyl wallcovering and matching rtains distinguish the space yet are harmonious in color and tone to the

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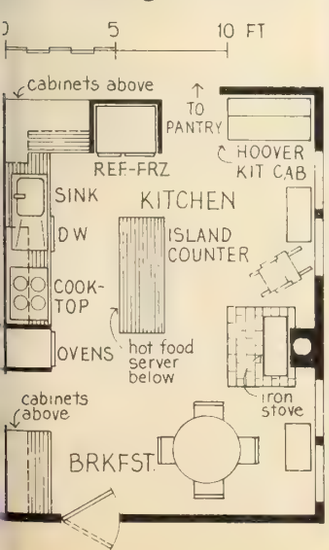
tchen's woods and tiles. Just beneath the window is Mrs. Honig's sewing enter. This unit, too, was chosen to fit to Mrs. Honig's needs, with a ull-out sewing table, slide-out ironing board and a deep drawer for her ewing tools all readily at hand (*right*). Yet, everything is completely hidden om view when the cabinet does duty as a server for the dining area.




IN THE
IMAGE
OF AN
EARLIER
DAY...

... & in the true early American tradition, this kitchen is a family center of many interests

Never has a kitchen seemed so inviting, at least to the John Steward family of Berkeley, Calif. **For here, in space that was once three nondescript rooms—kitchen, breakfast area and laundry—they can gather to cook, make pottery, arrange fresh flowers and entertain.** As a last resort, before opting to leave the home they felt they had outgrown, the Stewards asked Designer Janean to create a living-and-cooking space that would better suit all their kitchen and family room needs. **The result (*see plan below*) is this delightful combination of family treasures put into service alongside the most modern of kitchen equipment.** On a crisp morning beside a glowing fire in an antique iron stove (*right*), Mrs. Steward settles into a rocker to needlepoint. Activity for their two teen-aged daughters and two college-aged sons centers around the informal dining area (*below near right*), where a Helen Webber tapestry provides a focal point. A center island (*left*) defines spaces, provides storage, spice drawer (*inset lower left*) and food warmer. **Favorite items like Oriental rugs and Hoover cabinet (*bottom right*) mix with maple counters, oak cabinets, made-to-look-old flooring and beams.**



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(**4**) Imaginative cabinet treatment makes a remodeled kitchen sparkle. Owner-Designer Donna Bronson painted bottom cabinets in green and replaced doors of top units with brightly colored stained glass. (**5**) Block-print imported stoneware mugs for soup or coffee are by Moira Pottery, at Jenny B. Goode. (**6**) Delightful three-piece "Gentle Friends" children's set from Lenox can be taken from freezer to oven to table. (**7**) New from Bloomingdale's: Pretty and useful English muffin separator and (**8**) garlic press. (**9**) Cheery vinyl wallcoverings by Gloria Vanderbilt are "Glorious Gloria" at top and "Rosebud," both at James Seeman Studios. (**10**) Festive summer table-setting: glassware from the "Melon" collection, at Atelier Vitreon. Handsome flatware is by Supreme Cutlery, available at Bonwit Teller. Napkin from Carole Stupell. (**11**) Royal Worcester's flan/quiche dishes. (**12**) This chrome-and-stainless island serves as a functional work space or entertainment/dining area. (**13**) Dip and cook with Contempra's electric crêpe pan, or make whatever you wish in "Crêpes Plus," Ekco stainless steel open skillet. The decorative copper egg poacher is at Bazaar de la Cuisine. Underneath them, "Wicker Way," no-wax flooring from GAF's "Citation" collection.





ingredients to perk up a kitchen's function&

Summer is an ideal time to take stock of new ways to brighten a kitchen. On these and the following pages are many possibilities—some of the season's best patterns, prettiest table ideas and most efficient energy savers. (**1**) For a sunny morning breakfast, coffee from Norelco's 12-cup "Dial-A-Brew" and muffins warmed or toasted in Hoover's "TriCycle Toaster." All served on Mikasa's "Sunny Window" china with coordinating napkin; both at Lord & Taylor. (**2**) Countrylook fabric is 100% cotton "Berry Patch" from Cyrus Clark. Handsome imported stoneware canisters with cork lids are by Moira Pottery from Jenny B. Goode. (**3**) A gourmet's delight: Pyrex snail dish by Corning and a ginger-colored plate from Stangl Pottery. Terra-cotta tiles from American Olean's "Primitive" collection.






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(14) All-cotton apron from Design Research, a gift to please a cook. **(15)** Delight guests with "Breath of Spring" porcelain by Sigma Marketing; dinner/luncheon plates, cup and saucer, available in six fresh, leafy designs at Bonwit's. Accent the tablesetting with Frank McIntosh's striped napkins from Bendel's, Wallace's "Coventry Forge" in "Sterling II" silver. **(16)** Colorful, comfortable and beautifully designed, a glass-top table by Selig has chrome base and frame and barrel-arm chairs. **(17)** An energy-saver *par excellence* is Rowoco's French bean slicer. **(18)** A storage jar and "Mayo Machine" has gaily colored instructions for mayonnaise printed on the side. By Alan Spigelman, it's at Henri Bendel.

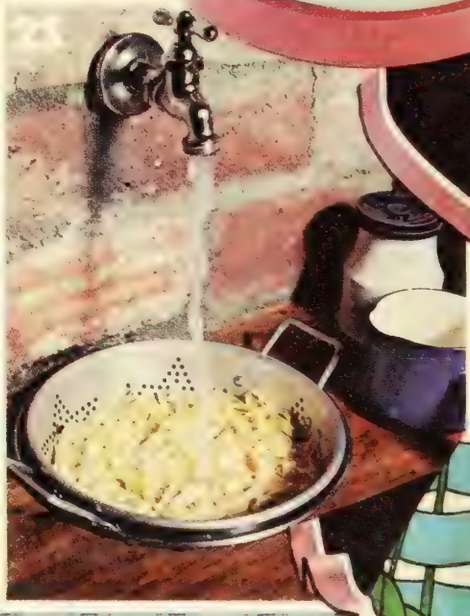
(19) Put away your old timer and try this reliable new red one from Bloomingdale's. It covers up to one hour. (20) New hardware is one easy way to highlight a favorite kitchen antique or update old cabinets. The brass bamboo pull (top) and large drop pull (bottom left) are by P.E. Guerin. Ridged brass drawer pull, solid brass drawer pull (far right) and two-socket brass light switch are all by Kraft Hardware. One-socket brass light switch plate is by Paul Associates and the mother-of-pearl and brass pull and knob by LCS. (21) Show off favorite kitchen towels on a helmeted hat-pin bar by P.E. Guerin. Add a touch of elegance with switch plate, round knob, lion head pull and acorn pull from Paine and Chriscot. Or play it straight with square knob by LCS or drop-on back plate (far right, bottom) by Phylrich Sales. (22) This remodeled country-look kitchen was designed for the very specific needs of cookbook author Virginia Pasley. And the marble-topped-counter was designed especially for her pastry-making. (23) Designer Fred Blair also gave her a handy auxiliary faucet and sink for rinsing pasta and fruit. (24) This electric "Super Shooter" cookie/canape gun is equipped with nine cutters and the aluminum cookie sheet is coated with white Teflon, both by Wear-Ever. Background is "Virginia Plaid" pre-pasted, paper-backed vinyl from J. Josephson's.

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(25) Deep navy and pink make a pretty tablecloth called "Assia," 71 inches round, made by Cindy of Italy, at Grossman & Weissman. The "Basket" tablecloth/napkin duo is also Italian-made, at Roberta di Camerino. (26) Chop, slice or blend in the Starmix kitchen machine. Ideal for bread-making, slicing vegetables, it comes with blender, bowl, kneader, vegetable-cutter, dough-scraper. Imported from West Germany by Consolidated Distributors.



(27) A soufflé dish from the "Looking Glass" collection and enamel-on-steel cookware in new "Aubecq" yellow, both by Denby. Background fabric is Bloomcraft's "Adagio," 100% polyester. (28) Keep up to date with this metric wall scale from Seabon and multi-measuring cups by Foley that give both standard and metric weights. (29) Cook right at the table with West Bend's electric wok. Background is Cyrus Clark's "Flower Mart" chintz.

















(30) Painted porcelain knobs by Phylrich Sales. **(31)** Add luster with pewter knob and open-work back plate (top right), both from P.E. Guerin; drop and Oriental pulls are by Kraft; fish-design drop pull on back plate by Phylrich; push plate (center) by Paul Associates; open and closed hinge, from Paine and Chriscot. **(32)** J-shaped hooks at Concord Depot, U-shaped hooks by Placemakers, aluminum knobs from Elmer Hebert, square one from Paul Associates; other items by Ironmonger. **(33)** More knobs: Vegetable and butterfly, Phylrich; cow and leaf, LCS; pineapple, Paine and Chriscott; nugget, Kraft. **(34)** Designers Richard Ohrbach and Lynn Jacobsen gave cabinets a graphic treatment in Gilford vinyl striping. **(35)** A pretty apron from B. Altman.









36) "BLT" oneware ollection, place- at and "Fjord" atware by Dansk, apkin and ring from ank McIntosh, jars nd baskets at Lord & aylor. **(37)** Chrome- aft laminated elm ble with cane-back airs and vinyl seats. **38)** Settebello's mush- om ceramic casseroles, lt and peppers.



(**39**) Exotic and useful kitchen "bars:" The fish design is by Paine and Chriscot, bamboo motif by Paul Associates, bar with back plates and hand held bar both by LCS. (**40**) A black-and-white striped cotton apron from Design Research sits prettily on "BarMate" stool, chrome with russet upholstery, by Samsonite. (**41**) Food looks great in a Lucite canister set by Fran Harrison, at Saks. (**42**) Beechwood helpmates for many tasks, from Denmark, at Saks. (**43**) For nutmeg or cheese, a beige Rowoco hand grater. (**44**) Face the morning with a touch of Oriental loveliness in Haviland's unique egg cup.

(**45**) Knife rack and canisters combine bronze acrylic and walnut for dramatic storage, by the St. Ives Collection. "Early American" knives by W. R. Case. (**46**) Toastmaster oven/broiler is equipped for slow-heat cooking and operates on less than 280 watts. Pyrex dish by Corning is in new "Homestead" pattern. (**47**) "Country Collection" cookery—a roaster, three-quart sauce-and-omelet pans, by Magnalite. Background is custom-colored "Jamie" wallcovering from First Editions. (**48**) Asparagus tureen and server, sauce bowl and spoon by Settebello and "Hartford Plaid" paper-backed vinyl in yellow and white from J. Josephson's "Easytouch" collection. (**49**) A pretty summer tablesetting: "Santa Fe" plates, casserole, mug and coordinated table napery, all by Sigma Marketing. Pewter pitcher, glassware and basket are from Lord & Taylor, "Fairfield" silver by International Silver. (**50**) Solid oak table in geometric pattern with chrome legs and gold tufted vinyl chairs, by Daystrom. (**51**) Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors and a new country breakfast room give

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an airy look to this remodeled kitchen on Long Island planned by Designer Renée Soffer, ASID. **(52)** This wallpaper from Decro-wall comes in easy-to-apply squares. From the top: "Country Kitchen," "Batches of Patches," "Granny's Gingham," "Proverbial Plaid" and "Full Bloom." **(53)** More views of Renée Soffer's design: Wood cabinets and counters and the newest appliances are surrounded by brick and tile to help carry out the country feeling while a combination desk and storage area **(54)** serves as a pass-through to a sitting room. **(55)** A shiny orange tea kettle from Schiller & Asmus. Here, it's sitting pretty on a wood trivet by InterDesign Craft. **(56)**


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Try this pretty garden theme on your table and delight guests with a colorful array of fresh plants that look like they were picked right from your own back yard. These "Crudités" are hand-painted on glass and they come in a set of four and are available at Bonwit Teller.


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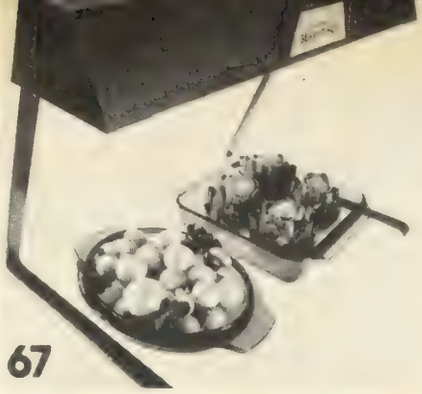


(57) A show of "Colonial Charm" Shinyl Vinyl cushioned tiles, available in five colors inspired by patchwork quilts, by Congoleum Industries. Spaghetti bowl and cheese shaker are from Nelson McCoy Pottery's "Browndrip" ceramic line. Clear glass milk can by Anchor Hocking.

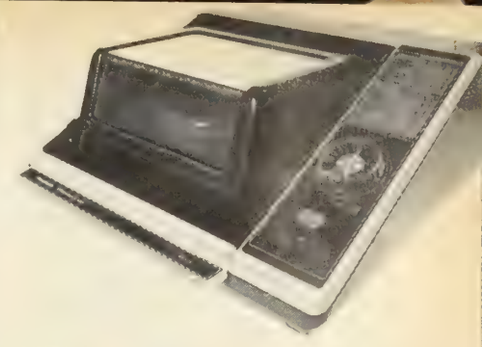
(61) Gloria Vanderbilt's cheery "Calico Tulip" vinyl wallcovering is at James Seeman Studios. Pewter-look cookware is of Wilton Armetale's aluminum alloy, "The Kitchen Crew" cherrywood tools are by H. E. Lauffer. **(62)** For any kitchen: a copper bowl from Bazaar de la Cuisine; Helen McCully's *Waste Not, Want Not* (Random House), a book of delicious cooking with leftovers and *The Cook's Catalogue* (Harper & Row), compiled by James Beard and friends.

(58) You'll find a different group of stew vegetables painted on each blue-trimmed ceramic stew bowl, by Settebello. Unusual hexagon ceramic tiles in "Birch" and "Nocturne" patterns, from American Olean's "Primitive" collection. **(59)** Charming "Country Lane" china with rainbow and country scene is oven-proof and made in England. Canisters, tea pot, baking dish, casserole and large creamer available at Jenny B. Goode. Jazz up walls with "Aires" green-on-white matte vinyl wallpaper, by Hinson & Co. **(60)** Self-sharpening stainless steel blades with a unique cut-out shape and plastic handles make Fiskars scissors perfect for bones or garden rose stems. They come from Finland for right or left-handed people and are dishwasher proof, at Concord Depot.





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(**65**) The unique countertop in the Beverly Hills, Calif., kitchen of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Towne is made of South American red granite, from the North Hollywood Marble Co., impervious to heat or cutting. Kitchen Designer was Eduardo F. Nieto. (**66**) For super-fast cooking of meat, top and bottom, try General Electric's Broil-R-Grill. Brown-and-beige matte vinyl wallpaper is "Bradley" by Hinson. (**67**) For hungry latecomers: "Serv-It-Hot" warmer by Toastmaster. "Harvest Amber" ovenware comes in a 16-piece set by Anchor Hocking. (**68**) A new portable "Sky-Lite" microwave oven, by Panasonic. (**69**) A wicker host chair with modern interpretation of traditional curves, by Selig Manufacturing. (**70**) Broil, bake or slow-cook in Presto's new Broiler/Oven Plus. (**71**) Delphic knives have better cutting control and balance with easy-hold handles and wide blades. (**72**) Ideal for pasta lovers: a gnocchi machine imported from Italy by Hoan Products. (**73**) Cooking is fun in a "Chef" blue denim apron and mitt. From Seabon. (**74**) A collector's item, cordless electric Bulova called the "Alumni" is a copy of an Early American clock.

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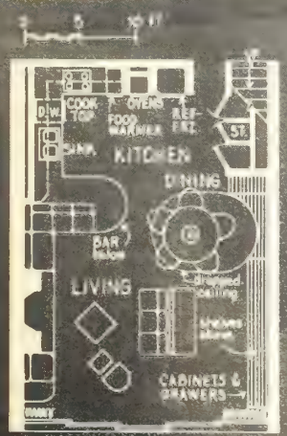
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63) Contemporary cooking and serving accessories: Les Utensils" by Imperial Knife; a shiny copper sparagus steamer from Bazaar de la Cuisine; a handy set f six spice grinders, at Bloomingdale's. No-wax olarian vinyl and coordinated "Farah" wallcovering are from ne "Decoresq" collection, by Armstrong Cork. (**64**) New ork Designer Aaron Ast gave this remodeled kitchen a new, lean look with bold black-and-white cabinets of Formica, oordinated shades and flooring. A narrow space is divided y a sleek circular counter that sets off dining area.

WELCOME

A KITCHEN FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS



By SUSAN GRANT LEWIN

Sharing really was the overriding idea behind this family room/kitchen. "I just can't separate preparing food from the rest of living," notes owner Roz Allen, whose family uses the space for dining and entertaining as well as cooking. "The more people you get into the kitchen, the more hands you'll have to help prepare a meal and clean up afterwards," adds Architect Russell Childs of the New York firm of Armstrong/Childs—a philosophy that underlies many of the design decisions made by Childs as well as by Kirsten Childs, his wife, the interior designer on the project. The garden floor of a Greenwich Village brownstone, the space now strongly reflects the personality of Ms. Allen, a collector whose baskets, paintings and other *objets* give soft warmth to the natural materials seen everywhere. The kitchen should also be the communication center of the home, Childs believes, and everyone at the table here *(far right center)* or in the seating area by the fireplace *(far right below)* can talk easily with those preparing the food *(see plan)*. Appliance placement is super-convenient *(top right)*, with storage carefully detailed in such units as the circular cabinet for wine and glass storage *(two views near right)*. Changes in the flooring and lighting distinguish the room's different areas, yet their strong interrelationship is expressed in curving forms to house the lighting and in a flow of subtle, natural colors.

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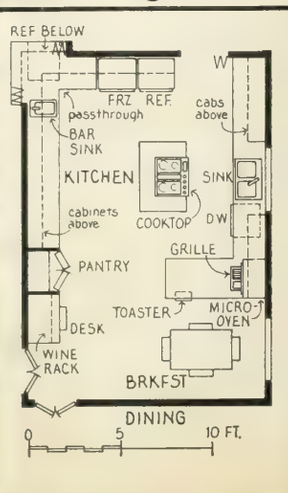


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Its decorative effects hint of a shaded breakfast terrace or perhaps of a dappled veranda just off a flower-planted garden. **Yet all these touches—The trellised ceiling edged in dark shingles, the wrought-iron table topped with ripply glass, a play of sunny yellow stripes and dark earth tones—are but atmospheric pleasantries.** For this is the kitchen of Louis J. Jenn, chairman of the Jenn-Air Corp., and Mrs. Jenn and incorporating his firm's appliances lay at the heart of all of the planning. Throughout, Jenn worked closely with John Kleinops, the designer-builder of the house in Indianapolis' Royal Pine Estates, and with Decorators Ving Smith and Jeanette Winters, both ASID. Focal point for the work area is a center island (*left*) with Jenn-Air cooktop and built-in ventilating system that draws fumes down and out through a counter-level vent, eliminating the need for a hood. **All lower cabinets are in dark wood tones, with a wood-paneled refrigerator/freezer to give visual continuity** (*far left below*). A similarly paneled double-door unit (*near left below*) provides a pantry's worth of storage beside the desk area fitted with telephone and intercom. White upper cabinets maintain the airy, outdoorsy feeling of the dining area (*right*), beyond grill, microwave oven and a serving counter fitted with a built-in toaster.

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give a kitchen full of cooking convenience the air of a shady summer glen





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Gastronomy and plenty of elbow room for the deft, easy pursuit of it figured large in the kitchen plans of Mr. and Mrs. Don Vance when they remodeled their house in Darien, Conn. **Also high on their priority list was to recapture for themselves and for their two youngsters the genial, heart-of-the-house quality of Michigan country kitchens they remembered from childhood.** For this, their existing, conventional kitchen was too limiting in space and layout. But immediately adjacent, joined by a short flight of steps, their unused, two-car garage offered a bonanza of square and cubic footage ready to provide them with exactly the kind of family room/kitchen they wanted. No simple job, this—it was personally designed and took a year in the doing, the Vances working along with the builder. **Outweighing all the headaches, the room has now the beguiling character of a cottage in a garden, warmed by firelight or sunshine, a favorite living, dining and meeting place for the family and its guests.** The garage attic was removed, raising the pitched ceiling to an airy 13 feet at its apex, the cedar-beam ceiling white-washed to lighten the overhead space (*right*). **Into one wall they built a generous fireplace, paving it with old brick** (*below*). Other walls are finished in siding retrieved from an old Michigan barn, smoothed, stained and refinished by Don Vance. Broad window openings (*above*) were cut to bring in outdoor vistas. Previous kitchen is now a "formal" dining room. (We are proud to add that Mrs. Vance clipped many of her ideas from pages of House Beautiful.)

NORMAN McGRATH







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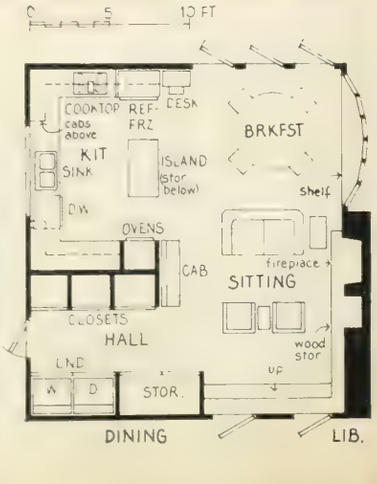
...until inspired remodeling made it the hub of the house

each distinct area is linked by an aura of mellow wood & brick





Rosy brick and tawny wood account for much of the nostalgic *Gemutüchkeit* of the Vances' new living kitchen. **But, encased in custom-made, porcelain-knobbed wood cabinets and counters, equipment is sleek and contemporary,** with refinements like a cooktop with built-in ventilator (*above*) and an instant hot water dispenser easing the kitchen work. Under the brick floor, there's a radiant heating system. **The Vances, both enthusiastic cooks and members of a cooking club, knew they had achieved what they wanted when dinner guests asked if they mightn't "eat in the kitchen."** For this, the procedure is drinks around the fire and dinner at their noble oak table (*right*), from the old Students' Union at the University of Michigan, the Vances' alma mater. They found the chandelier on a trip to Mexico.



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MIRRORED GREENERY SOFTENS ITS GLITTER

An avid scholar of modern painting and sculpture, Architect William S. Ehrlich has always been "fascinated by the contrast between expectation and reality." And such a note of surprise—the expectation built up by a traditional facade (*above*) contrasted with a futuristic, yet lyrically expressed interior—was an important element in his design in this remodeling. Once the main house on a Long Island estate, it is now the home of a young couple with two small children. Outside, it looks as it has for years; inside, it has been completely transformed, shedding all reference to its old look. Discarding the thought of rooms for different functions, Ehrlich opted instead for a series of free-flowing spaces. To distinguish various areas, he devised drums covered in striped patent vinyl (*left*) and used these circular enclosures to subtly set apart both the kitchen (*right*) and an intimate seating area (*page 72*). To give the kitchen a feeling of spatial openness, he installed a wall of sliding glass doors across the rear. Mirrored cupboards and perforated polished aluminum ceiling tiles further visually expand space and embrace the romantic softness of the outdoor greenery. The impact of the shiny, reflective surfaces continues through the area around the dining table Ehrlich designed (*above left*), set near a door opening directly into the kitchen.

MARIS/SEMEL



a lyrical remodeling

WITH FUTURISTIC FLAIR

By SUSAN GRANT LEWIN

Shiny metals, mirrors and glass develop the illusion of far more space than really exists in this kitchen. Yet, Ehrlich, who believes a kitchen that really functions should be small, compact and convenient, carefully plotted out each work and storage detail for maximum service. The tall cabinets (*below*) are relatively shallow but shelved to the ceiling for storing food and rarely used items, the under-counter cabinets between ovens and refrigerator fitted with sliding shelves for easy accessibility (*near right*). And with island space allotted between the sink and the cooktop (*center right*), vegetable preparation in this spage-age kitchen is a 1-2-3 operation from cleaning to chopping to cooking—in a convenient, compact space.







Although a striped drum enclosure separates the kitchen from the space around it, it's still treated visually as part of the whole of the house. The bright blue floors continue here—though in tile instead of the stained blue wood strip flooring seen in the main area. The cove edging the kitchen ceiling (*left*) contains air conditioning and lighting and forms an illuminated border around the entire first floor. Both the center island and white breakfast table (*insets above right*) are integrated into the shape of the room, repeating the curves of the round walls (*see plans, next page*), and are treated as sculptural elements within their context. The glass doors do much toward brightening the once-dark room, but that concern also led Ehrlich to use white enameled paint on the walls, contrasted by the dark floors. "I didn't want the room to feel like a

EVERYTHING FITS INTO AN ORDERLY PARADE

kitchen," Ehrlich notes, "so I used materials rare for a kitchen—like the mirrored doors on the cabinets, the polished aluminum acoustical ceiling tiles and the custom-made glass-and-steel hood." He thought it important that the hood (*right*) should be transparent because it is close to the glass doors, but that wasn't his only consideration. "Because the hood is untraditional and bold without being obtrusive and because few people have ever seen a glass hood, it heightens the sense of surprise."



Noting that he saw his task in this remodeling as one of softening the formality and rectilinear quality of what was formerly a long, dark, narrow house, Architect Bill Ehrlich adds that, "For me, the solution was to be a playful and lyrical one, and yet always within the context of formal geometry—never free form." By removing almost all the conventional walls and replacing only a few with the curved drums—open at the top—he instilled a sense of flowing space with great dynamic quality in the glossy stripes.





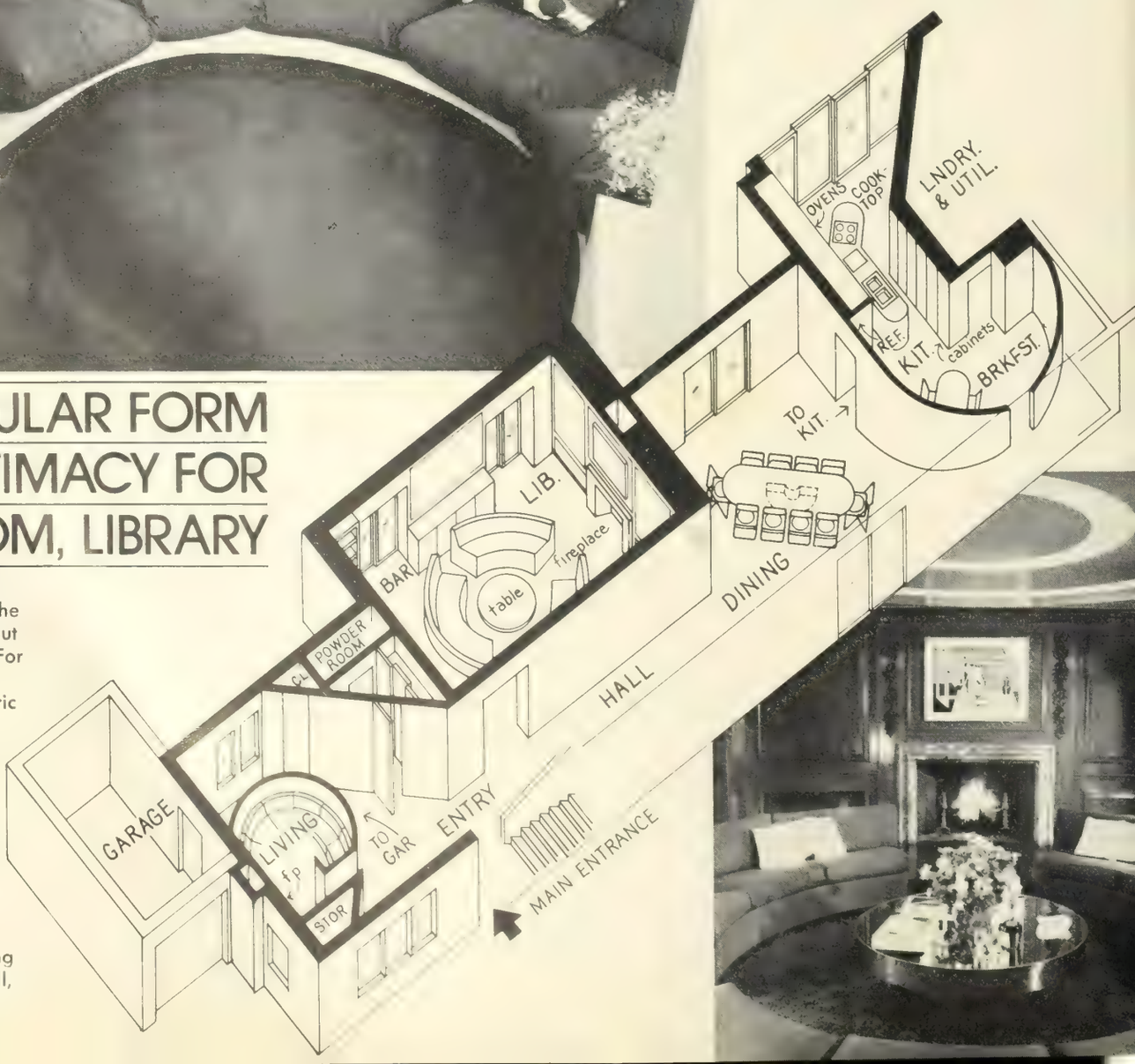


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Circular enclosures or drums at either end of the house (*see plan*) seemingly float in their reflective surroundings. Ehrlich has designed these two areas to be opposite in feeling despite their similar patent vinyl striped shells (*above*). "Introspective, intimate and womb-like" are the words he uses to describe the seating area, in the living room, which is now approachable only by one opening in its drum, opposite the old fireplace (*left*). A blue room within a lavender-striped drum, it is a place just for relaxation, unlike the super-efficient kitchen within the pink drum. Such sharp contrasts are an important element of Ehrlich's design fascination with surprise.

CIRCULAR FORM CREATES INTIMACY FOR LIVING ROOM, LIBRARY

Ehrlich's refurbishing of the old paneled library (*right*) maintains the integrity of the original structure but successfully marries it to the new. For color continuity, the blue seen elsewhere is here used for the fabric in the simple upholstered pieces in front of the fireplace and its bold modern painting. Unseen here are the bar, the room's only other major furnishing, and sliding glass doors added to bring light into the setting. The shiny coffee table and the seating sections are also shaped in curves to play upon the forms used throughout—since giving what was formerly a series of small, unrelated rooms such a feeling of unity was one of his primary aims.





éclat! The rare essentials have it—those products that are beautiful and practical. We laud these masters of precision and practicality shown on this and the following two pages—so everyday, yet so very special. All spell functional finesse. To start: Massimo and Lella Vignelli (below), international champions in design, seem to exude a radiance to match their glowing glass bakeware and plastic dinnerware, chosen by design-perfectionist Alan Heller to be sold in the U. S. by Heller Designs.

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On the Vignellis' ovenproof glass bakeware, the continuous rim is both a handle and a frame for serving; 2½-quart bake dish, $8.95; nine-inch pie plate, $5.95; eight-inch square cake dish, $7.95; deep loaf or pâté pan (not shown), $4.95; nine-inch custard dish, $9.95 for four. Covers for the casserole dishes become au gratin dishes—the top cover is slightly bigger than bottom to lift off easily; the one-quart size, $7.95; two-quart, $9.95. Dishwasher-proof dinnerware comes in white, yellow, orange. A 25-piece table service for six is $49.50; with six cups and saucers, $10 extra for a set.

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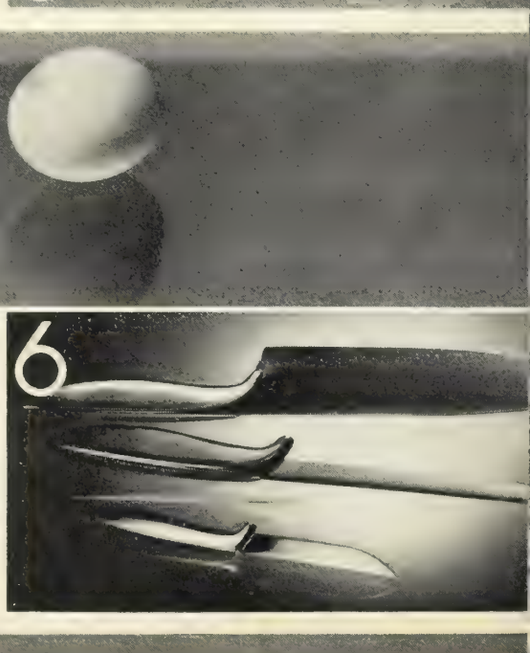






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They're efficient, they're well-designed, they can add magic to your cookery in the kitchen and out—all are notable rare essentials. (1) For cooking without hot spots: "Town and Country" polished cast aluminum 12-inch skillet, $26, and 1½-quart saucepan with lid, $27; both with walnut handles. By A.C. Fabricators. (2) Copper, a chef's favorite, here in a fish poacher, $170, shown with rooster mold, $14.50, and (3) mixing bowl, $23, all from Culinary Arts Shoppe. (4) All-purpose Cuisinart food processor speedily chops meat and nuts, slices vegetables, mixes pastry—it's like having a kitchen robot; $190. (5) The trick to making superb crêpes is solved with electric crêpe pan featuring controlled heat, non-stick coating and stay-cool handle. By Grandinetti Products, $30.







(6) Razor-sharp chef set of three kitchen knives comes with wood holder (not shown), has especially heat-treated super-hard, tough steel. By Gerber Legendary Blades, $40. (7) Give the big kneading or mixing jobs to the heavy-duty, super-powerful KitchenAid mixer to do in just seconds; five-quart stainless bowl, flat beater, whip and dough hook; about $230, by The Hobart Corp. (8) For accuracy, the balance-beam slider-scale in stainless steel is the one. White, yellow or green frame. Available in metric or U.S. Standard measurements. By Terraillon, $31.



(9) Coffee spooners, your time has arrived—now you can make both cappuccino and espresso with the "Vesubio" coffeemaker and, if you want, you can also prepare tea, punch and other hot drinks. In shiny chrome-plated steel, Italian coffeemaker by Coffee Imports International, $100, at Bloomingdale's. (10) Hungry for the breads of Paris? Bake your own long, golden, savory loaves of French bread with the Paris bread pans. Pans consist of a single sheet of textured aluminum bent in half at the center. Each half is then shaped into half-circular trays for greasing and holding bread. By Paris X (Little Old Bread Man), $4 for double-pan (shown), available at The Pottery Barn.





(11) Add a little French fire to your kitchen and table with striking color: the porcelain enameled cast-iron cookware gives even heating and comes in new spring green, bleu belle, sunflower yellow, spice brown. From Le Creuset's "Les Mama" line of products, 5¼-quart oval oven with lid, $45.

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76 AMERICAN WINES FOR '76

By PETER QUIMME □ **What better way to celebrate the Bicentennial than by drinking American? Wine-drinking, grape-growing, and wine-making have a long tradition in the United States, one that began with the attempts of early settlers to make wine from wild native grapes. A Virginia law of 1623 actually required every householder to plant 10 vines. Governor John Winthrop of Massachusetts, William Penn, Thomas Jefferson, the Mission padres in California—all engaged in serious attempts to cultivate the wine grape even before the Revolution.**

Fortunately for vinous patriots, there has never been more good American wine than there is right now. From excellent everyday table wine (probably the most consistently reliable in the world) to wines that rank with the best of Europe, the United States now produces wines for every taste and price range.

Choosing *only* 76 to note here proved difficult. But those who are just beginning to explore the vast and varied examples of American wine-making won't go wrong with these, and those familiar with many of them will, I hope, find some interesting wines they haven't tried before. Included are suggestions for red, white, rosé, dessert and sparkling wines made from a number of different grape varieties, all offering fine quality for the price—from under $2 to a few "special occasion" wines at around $10. Prices are those prevailing in New York City in the spring of 1976 and may be slightly higher or lower elsewhere. Not surprisingly, California wines with national distribution dominate the list (80% of the nation's wines are made there), but in a Bicentennial spirit, I've included some values from other states, even if a few have limited distribution. Enjoy!

WHITE WINES

E. & J. Gallo Chablis Blanc (About $1.50)
Probably the best inexpensive white wine produced in quantity in the United States. A clean taste with a slight residual sweetness and an attractive flowery scent add up to a pleasant everyday wine for informal dinners, picnics or barbecues. Available in bottles, half-gallon and gallon jugs.

Italian Swiss Colony French Colombard (About $1.75)
A well-made wine with an attractive fragrance and a lightly spicy, lingering flavor. The initial examples of this new bottling have a crisp, fresh-fruity balance. I find it the best current value among well-distributed inexpensive U.S. whites.

E. & J. Gallo French Colombard (About $1.75)
This grape variety makes a very simple, somewhat neutral wine, light straw in color and refreshingly tart in taste. Gallo's example is crisp, light and easy-drinking, a more interesting wine than most white blends in this price range.

M. LaMont French Colombard (About $1.75)
Another good example of this light, fresh white. A little stronger in character than the Gallo, this one is particularly suitable for the base of white-wine summer spritzers.

Great Western Diamond Chablis (About $2.25)
One of the most attractive Eastern wines, it is made from 100% Moore's Diamond grapes, a native American variety. Almost dry, with a gravelly, flinty, yet fruity taste, this New York wine has a pleasant, spicy aroma. Serve well chilled. I like it with fresh-caught fried perch.

Paul Masson Emerald Dry (About $2.25)
Made from the Emerald Riesling grape, a variety developed by the University of California for growing in hot regions, this consistent wine has a lovely muscat-floral nose, a light greenish-gold color and a tart, simple taste. An uncomplicated, refreshing summer wine to serve anytime.

Widmer's Naples Valley Delaware (About $2.50)
This native American grape can yield characterful wines. Widmer's example from New York is one of the best, with a flinty-dry, ciderish flavor. Serve very cold with cold fish dishes.

Robert Mondavi White Table Wine (About $2.50)
A recently released white blend from a fine Napa Valley winery, this has good acidity and a crisp, dry character. Available in bottles and magnums, it is a fine choice for everyday use.

Monterey Vineyard Del Mar Ranch (About $2.75)
A crisp, clean blend of Pinot Blanc, Chenin Blanc and a small amount of Sylvaner, this newly introduced wine makes a refreshing apéritif and a fine accompaniment to roast chicken.

Wente Bros. Dry Sémillon (About $3)
This dry white has a soft texture and a clean, faintly gravelly taste. A very reliable wine, it goes very well with shellfish.

Charles Krug Chenin Blanc (About $3)
A remarkable buy, this Chenin Blanc is consistently delicious. Not quite dry, it has a luscious balance of acidity and soft, faintly peach-like fruitiness. Excellent for spring luncheons; especially nice with lobster salad.

Almadén Gewürztraminer (About $3)
Probably the best white made by this giant producer, this offers the same strong, dramatic, spicy taste and unique perfumed scent as Alsatian Gewürztraminer costing dollars more. Perfect with pork, sausages, and roast or smoked turkey.

Tabor Hill Vineyard Cuvée Blanc (About $3)
This soft, round, flavorful, slightly sweet white from a small producer in southwest Michigan will surprise those who think good table wine in the eastern half of the United States comes only from New York state. Try with cold ham.

Parducci French Colombard (About $3.25)
A light, dry, very crisp example of this grape variety, this wine is as refreshing as the best Soaves. Excellent with simple grilled fish dishes.

Wente Bros. Pinot Blanc (About $3.25)
An austere, dry white with leafy-earth nuances and good acidity, this has a depth of character unusual for a white wine at this price. It will stand up to the richest fish dishes.

Ste. Michelle Sémillon (About $3.25)
This Sémillon from Washington state has been called the best wine made from this variety in the United States. It has a heady flowers-and-earth aroma and a rich, sweetish, sappy flavor. Lovely with a light country pâté and crusty French bread.

Robert Mondavi Chenin Blanc (About $3.25)
Fruity, charming and delicious, this not-quite-dry white is a perfect summer luncheon wine with cold cuts or soufflés.

Mirassou Vineyards Monterey Riesling (About $3.50)
Made primarily from the Sylvaner grape, this semi-dry white has plenty of character and a soft, fruity balance. It goes well with a wide variety of dishes calling for white wine, and even with Monterey Jack cheese.

Benmarl Seyval Blanc (About $3.75)
The wine from this small New York Hudson Valley winery is in scarce supply, but a taste of its *(Continued on page 80)*

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COOKING WITH HERBS

Six splendid cooks talk about their favorite herbs and back up that talk with a baker's dozen of their very own recipes. On page 81, Jacques Pépin, the House Beautiful Chef, describes for us the herbs he grows in his own garden and on page 14, Elvin McDonald, House Beautiful's gardening editor, tells how herbs can be raised indoors with great success.

By HELEN McCULLY

FOOD&DRINK



***"Say rosemary to an Italian and he will immediately think roast!" says* MARCELLA HAZAN,** the foremost American teacher on Italian cooking. (Her New York cooking classes start the beginning of October. For further information, write to Marcella Hazan, 155 E. 76th St., New York City 10021.)

ROSEMARY,

perhaps the most beautiful of all the herbs and one for which the Italians have a passion, is very good with lamb and pork but also with fish, shellfish, veal and chicken. It is not uncommon in Italy for butchers to hand out bunches of rosemary with the meat or prepare meat already tied up with it. Like virtually every herb, rosemary is best when fresh. "Do not be afraid of rosemary," Mrs. Hazan adds. "It is not aggressive but rather irresistible." Rosemary is for remembrance.

***"I frequently use lemon balm cut from my terrace in place of fresh lemon," says* MAURICE MOORE-BETTY,** whose Moore-Betty Cooking School ranks as one of the best and most creative in the nation. (For further information, write to Maurice Moore-Betty, 162 E. 92nd St., New York City 10028.)

LEMON BALM,

known since Biblical times, once grew wild everywhere in the south of England. A perennial, now naturalized, it can easily be raised in the garden. A few sprigs—top leaves only—added to casseroles during the last 15 minutes of cooking replaces lemon; chopped or whole, the leaves add distinction to a green salad. Balm Tea is an unforgettable brew.





***"I think I'd give up cooking if I couldn't get thyme," says* WILLIAM RICE,** a noted food authority and executive food editor of *The Washington Post*. Rice's background includes two years in France, where he studied at the Cordon Bleu in Paris, worked in a hotel in Burgundy and spent time in the Bordeaux vineyards.

THYME

is one of the great culinary herbs and, like wine and bay leaf, a foundation flavor of *la cuisine Francaise*. Essentially a background flavor, thyme should be used with a judicious hand in cookery (it symbolizes courage) for, despite its delicate fragrance, it is potent. Thyme is used in stuffings and stews, in soups and innumerable fish and seafood dishes, as well as poultry and, of course, some vegetable recipes—particularly creamed onions.

Recipes

WILLIAM RICE'S BROILED FLANK STEAK WITH THYME

- 1- to 1½-pound flank steak, trimmed
- 2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh thyme or to taste
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper

Sauce:

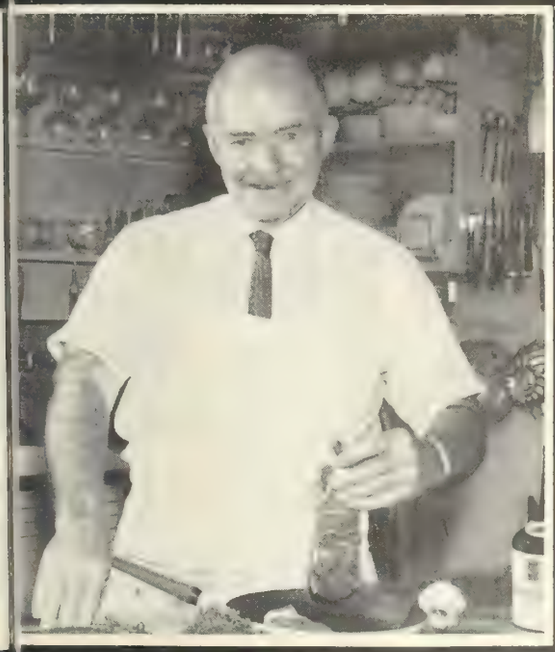
- 1 tablespoon peanut or vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, peeled and sliced thin
- 1 clove garlic
- ½ tablespoon red wine vinegar

THE EXPERT WAY

***"My indispensable herbs are thyme, fresh basil and tarragon," says* PHILIP BROWN.** The editor of *The Epicurean*, a monthly published by Jurgensen's, Brown teaches creative cooking at California State University at Los Angeles. And no less an authority than James Beard considers him an absolutely great teacher.

TARRAGON,

the *estragon* so dearly beloved in France, is one of the most delightful of all herbs. Its slightly anise-like flavor goes especially well with chicken, veal and delicate fish dishes. And a little tarragon adds charm to fresh peas, green beans, summer squash, beets and other vegetables. Tarragon vinegar is widely used in salad dressings, adding a most pleasant flavor to a salad of mixed greens. Combined with chopped parsley and chives, the mixture is known as *fines herbes*.





***"I've always loved the resinous flavor of juniper berries," says* ANNE WILLAN,** the director of La Varenne, a new French cookery school in Paris that is being praised by food authorities far and wide. (For further information, write to La Varenne, École de Cuisine, at Suite 411, 1841 Broadway, New York City 10023)

JUNIPER

is a tree whose aromatic berries are used to flavor gin and also a French beer called *Genièvre* and in cooking—specifically in Alsatian Sauerkraut, (*page 83*), in a conserve popular in Sweden served with cold meats, in seasoning game, in dried bean dishes and in soups, vegetables and poultry salads (you should allow three to five crushed berries for four servings).

***"Sweet basil goes hand-in-hand with summer cooking," says* PERLA MEYERS.** Author of *The Seasonal Kitchen* (Holt Rinehart & Winston), winner of the R.T. French Tastemaker award for best basic cookbook of 1973, her most recent book is *The Peasant Kitchen: A Return to Simple Food* (Harper & Row).

SWEET BASIL

is only one member of a family of versatile herbs called, with good reason, *l'herbe royale*. Basil has a great affinity for tomatoes, egg and fish dishes. Greatly beloved by the Italians, it is the heart of pesto, that fantastic sauce served with pasta. Both of Mrs. Meyers' recipes are splendid examples of the versatility of this lovely herb. Sometime, as the Italians do, arrange a bouquet of sprigs in a vase and present it on the dinner table. Basil, (pronounced bazz-il) symbolizes love.



½ cup dry red wine
1 bouillon cube
½ cup water
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Preheat broiler. Lightly coat meat and broiling pan with the oil. Sprinkle thyme over both sides of the steak. Broil for six minutes on one side. Turn, salt and pepper and cook another five minutes for rare. Season the second side. Slice very thin on the bias against the grain. Arrange slices on heated serving platter and keep warm.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a heavy skillet. Add the onion and garlic. Sauté until the onion is soft, adding the vinegar as you first turn the onion. Add wine, bouillon cube and water. Retrieve the garlic clove, crush and return to skillet. Add several twists of the pepper mill. Simmer until steak is to be served.

To finish the sauce, pour any juices on the steak platter into the sauce. Raise heat and stir in the mustard. Taste here for seasoning.

Mix the cornstarch with 1 tablespoon of wine until smooth. Add to the sauce and whip with a whisk until it thickens. Spoon over steak and serve at once to about four persons.

WILLIAM RICE'S FLANK STEAK WITH SHALLOTS

1½- to two-pound flank steak
24 shallots, peeled*
1 to 1½ tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
1 teaspoon mixed herbs (thyme, oregano and basil)
½ cup dry vermouth
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Lightly oil a broiling pan. Add the steak and cook in a preheated 475° oven for 12 to 15 minutes, turning once. The steak should be quite rare (110° to 120° on a meat thermometer).

Wash the peeled shallots to get rid of any dirt. Trim the larger ones so they are of the same size as the smaller ones. Heat enough oil to coat the bottom of a small saucepan. Add the shallots and sauté for several minutes or until they begin to soften. Add the herbs and vermouth. Cover and cook over moderate heat five to seven minutes or until the shallots are just tender. Uncover, reduce juices by a third. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Slice the steak very thin on the bias against the grain. Arrange on a heated platter. Salt lightly. (*Continued on page 83*)

AMERICAN WINES

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remarkable Seyval Blanc will be a revelation for those who aren't used to thinking of Eastern grapes yielding fine wines. The characterful, flowery-scented 1974 is particularly outstanding as a well-chilled accompaniment to shellfish.

Concannon Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc (About $3.75)
The Sauvignon Blanc grape is responsible for the dry, flinty, substantial white wines of Graves and Sancerre, and it makes a superb wine in the gravelly soil of Concannon's Livermore Valley vineyards. First rate with smoked sturgeon and Pacific salmon.

Ste. Michelle Johannisberg Riesling (About $4)
An outstanding example of what the noble grape of the Rhine and Moselle can produce in the United States in a cool climate, this is probably the best white wine produced by this Washington state winery. Fragrant and flowery, fruity and crisp. Try it with trout or sole.

Wente Bros. Pinot Chardonnay (About $4)
The Chardonnay is also called Pinot Chardonnay in California, and Wente's has long been among the best. Light, fruity and apple-y clean in character, it does not have the woodiness of current California Chardonnays. Superb with ham, veal or pork.

Simi Gewürztraminer (About $4)
An outstanding, semi-dry example of this spicy white, with an almost clover-honey lusciousness. It could balance a rich turkey with dressing or even certain Chinese dishes such as pressed duck.

Chappellet Chenin Blanc (About $4.25)
This white wine from a small Napa mountain vineyard is a much different wine than that usually made from the Chenin Blanc. It's bone dry, light in color, even a touch austere—a big, dry, fine dinner wine to complement shellfish and lobster.

Heitz Cellars Pinot Blanc (About $4.75)
Heitz Cellars produces some of the best (and most expensive) wine in the country, but this moderately priced Pinot Blanc is a complex, elegant, dry white with great character. Best with fine seafood, such as Coquilles Saint-Jacques.

Dr. Konstantin Frank Johannisberg Riesling (About $5)
Dr. Frank is the first vineyardist to grow European grapes successfully in the East and his famed Riesling could be mistaken for a fine Moselle from Germany. Delicate, fragrant and delicious, it is enjoyable on its own or with a light lunch. This New York state wine is unfortunately in short supply.

Charles Krug Pinot Chardonnay (About $5)
Superbly balanced and full of fruit and elegance, this is an excellent, reasonably priced Chardonnay and a fine dinner wine.

Hillcrest Vineyard White (Johannisberg) Riesling (About $5.25)
This delicate, fragrant, delicious white comes from the Umpqua Valley in Oregon and is another outstanding example of the Pacific Northwest's great potential as a wine-growing area. Unfortunately, this is a scarce item.

Freemark Abbey Pinot Chardonnay (About $7.75)
A fat, rich, golden, mouth-filling wine, this ranks with California's best efforts with this grape. Young vintages, such as the impressive '73, need a year or two more in the bottle to bring out their depth and balance.

RED TABLE WINES

Italian Swiss Colony Cabernet Sauvignon (About $1.50)
I find this the best inexpensive nationally distributed dry red wine currently available in the United States. There is more classic Cabernet character here than in many more expensive Ruby Cabernets. Available in both bottles and magnums, it's a fine choice for an everyday wine with red meat dishes.

Italian Swiss Colony Zinfandel (About $1.75)
A light, agreeable, fruity, well-made wine with some of the spicy, berrylike flavors of more expensive Zinfandels. (Zinfandel is a versatile grape grown only in California.) It's a perfect choice to accompany charbroiled hamburgers or hot dogs.

E. & J. Gallo Ruby Cabernet (About $2)
Made from a variant of the Cabernet Sauvignon grape developed for cultivation in the hot regions of California, this wine has a strong weedy, olive-y flavor and plenty of character. Best with stews or casseroles.

M. LaMont Ruby Cabernet (About $2)
A full, flavorful example of a wine from this grape, with a dusty-vinous aroma and some tannin. It's on a par with the Gallo example and likewise best with simple, hearty dishes.

Fetzer Premium Red (About $2)
A dry red table wine from a small, relatively new winery in the Sonoma Valley, this is similar to a French Rhône wine, with a full, warm-earthy flavor. Not well-distributed, it represents good value for an everyday wine if you can find it.

Paul Masson Baroque (About $2.25)
A proprietary blend of red wines from this large Santa Clara winery, Baroque has a soft, full, rich, attractive flavor. While not complex, it is drinkable and satisfying for the price.

Robert Mondavi Red Table Wine (About $2.50)
Available in both bottles and in magnums, this distinguished red blend is a new release from the Robert Mondavi winery in the Napa Valley. To bring out its fruity, complex, nicely acidic character, open it an hour or so before serving. An excellent everyday table wine with steaks, chops and roasts.

Charles Krug Burgundy (About $2.50)
A soft, round, full-flavored example of a good red blend, this wine from a long-established Napa winery carries a vintage date but is quite consistent.

Paul Masson Zinfandel (About $2.75)
A non-vintage wine from this large winery's new Pinnacles vineyard in Monterey, this has good flavor, some tannin, deep color, a slightly currant-y nose, an attractive oak nuance—and considerable depth and character for the price.

Inglenook North Coast Counties Zinfandel (About $2.75)
Light and fruity, this is especially good served cool—a nice picnic wine, pleasant with cold ham and sandwiches. Available in bottles and half-gallon jugs.

Sterling Vineyards Zinfandel (About $3)
A complex, earthy wine with excellent flavor and velvety texture from one of the newer wineries in the Napa Valley. Always well-balanced and smooth, this wine will also repay aging for a year.

Beaulieu Vineyards Burgundy (About $3)
This blend from Gamay and Mondeuse grapes shows the skill of this well-known Napa winery. Round, racy and rich, BV's Burgundy is reminiscent of Côtes-du-Rhône wines. A limited bottling is produced when the vintage is outstanding.

Sonoma Vineyards Zinfandel (About $3)
A newer winery in the Sonoma Valley, Sonoma Vineyards is producing a number of good varietal wines at reasonable prices. The Zinfandel is full-flavored with an intensely berry-like taste; would benefit from further aging but is very enjoyable right now.

Cuvaison Gamay Vivace (About $3)
An especially delicious, sappy, fruity, uncomplicated sprightly wine, similar to very young Beaujolais. Charming, light and delicate, it is for drinking now and particularly delightful as a summer luncheon wine. Buy the latest year available.

Simi Zinfandel (About $3)
A complex, light wine with attractive acidity and balance, this is a fine example of a medium-bodied and spicy Zinfandel. Try with and use in Coq-au-vin.

Monterey Vineyard Gamay Beaujolais (About $3.25)
From another new vineyard and winery complex aiming to produce fine quality wine at reasonable prices, this light red has a clean, deliciously fruity-zingy taste and attractive berry-rhubarby scent. A good choice with a cold summer supper.

Louis M. Martini Barbera (About $3.25)
Definitely a best buy, particularly for those who can lay it away for, say, five year's aging. Made from an Italian grape variety, this wine is fruity, forceful and a bit rough when young but develops magnificently with time. Look for the '68, '69, '70, '73 and '74 as candidates for your cellar. Serve a bottle with fine Italian food.

Sebastiani Vineyards Barbera (About $3.25)
A big, robust wine. Its strong, fierce flavor is balanced by richness, body and a tarry, violet nose in the best years. Look for the '68, '69 and '70. It goes best with spicy Italian food and Italian cheeses such as Provolone.

Louis M. Martini Zinfandel (About $3.25)
Enjoyable young or with a few years of age, this Zinfandel is one of the best examples of the medium-bodied and remarkably fruity, intense wine that can be made from the grape.

Buena Vista Zinfandel (About $3.25)
Founded in 1857 by California's great wine pioneer Count Haraszthy, the revived Buena Vista winery dates from the 1940s. Its Zinfandel is one of its best wines—earthy and deep, robust, characterful and sturdy enough to serve with substantial and strongly flavored stews.

Cresta Blanca Petit Sirah (About $3.25)
One of the most interesting wines from this Sonoma Valley winery is its Petit Sirah, made from a subvariant of the grape of the Rhône Valley in France. Big, soft, mellow, with a slightly spicy taste and an oaky-mint nuance in the nose, this robust red dinner wine has sufficient tannin to repay aging.

Mirassou Zinfandel (About $3.50)
This fifth-generation California winemaking firm makes an intensely fruity, berrylike, flavorful red out of California's own grape. (*Continued on page 82*)

THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF

HERBS FROM MY GARDEN

By JACQUES PEPIN □ One of the greatest accessories to good cooking is fresh herbs. Unfortunately, except for parsley, fresh herbs are not readily available throughout the year. To make things even worse, most herbs are absolutely superfluous when dried and then add nothing but a delusive anticipation to the dish. From this statement, we do exclude thyme, bay leaves, oregano and rosemary, which are excellent dried. Others such as tarragon or basil retain a slight evanescent fragrance when dried, but parsley, chervil and even chives die away completely in the drying process.

If you live in an area where fresh herbs are not available year round, the best way to preserve parsley, chives, tarragon and basil is in the freezer. The fresh herbs should be packed very tightly in small containers or placed in plastic bags, all air squeezed out, tied securely and frozen.

One of the most rewarding and care-free types of gardening for the would-be cultivator is the planting of herbs. Although most can be cultivated indoors, with a small area outside your house you have no excuse for not having fresh herbs.

PARSLEY is, without any doubt, the most common herb the world over, and it grows in cold as well as in hot countries. Although considered a biennial herb, it does better when planted each year. It is hardy and can be transplanted in pots inside for a winter supply. Whether you prefer the flat-leaf Italian type or the curly type is a question of taste. Some people pretend that flat parsley has more flavor, but that depends mainly on the location where the parsley is grown. Curly parsley is better for decoration. Chopped parsley is so common in the kitchen that professionals are practically conditioned to sprinkle it on everything from fish to meat to vegetables. However, there would not be any *"maître d'hôtel butter"* and *Ravigote Sauce* without parsley, and the cooking of Provence would be radically reduced without the *persillade*, that flavorful mixture of garlic and parsley added as a flavoring.

TARRAGON is a hardy, bushy perennial that grows from transplanting a root or a cutting. Although the bush may be thick, high and healthy, the flavor has a tendency to go off after six to seven years and should at that time be transplanted in another area of the garden. Excellent to flavor vinegar, chicken, cream sauce, it is essential in the celebrated *Béarnaise Sauce.*

CHIVES are a hardy, easy-to-cultivate perennial. The flavor is reminiscent of mild onions. Chives grow wild in the northern part of the U.S.A. and are excellent in salads, omelets or any vegetable dish that does not require much cooking.

BASIL is a delicate annual that does not tolerate cold climates. Like parsley, it takes more than two months to mature, and it is best when used young. There is no herb that complements tomatoes as well as fresh minced basil. Sliced tomatoes (fresh from the garden), sprinkled with a pure virgin olive oil, salt, pepper, a dash of tarragon vinegar and fresh minced basil on top are worthy of serving to the gods.

CHERVIL is a very delicate annual (although it seeds itself) that grows under not too hot, humid conditions. It looks like parsley but its flavor is quite distinctive and reminiscent of anise. It is used primarily raw in salads and is added to soups at the end because it does not sustain long cooking. Essential in *Germiny* or *Parmentier* soup, it is best in an omelet. The ultimate concoction extolling fresh herbs is the lowly *fines herbes* omelet. For this, parsley, tarragon and chives are used in equal proportions. If you have fresh sweet butter and fresh eggs from the farm, you will create a savory masterpiece of simplicity. ■

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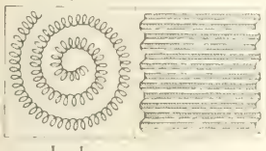
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AMERICAN WINES

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Good with simple red-meat dish.

Robert Mondavi Gamay (About $3.50)
A lovely, grape-y, almost sappy, light red, this has the same gulpably delicious character as fine Beaujolais. A perfect brunch wine, especially with *quiches* and mild cheeses.

Christian Brothers Cabernet Sauvignon (About $3.75)
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Parducci Gamay Beaujolais (About $3.75)
The light and fruity but characterful Gamay Beaujolais produced by this small family-run California winery is one of its best reds and a fine accompaniment to ham and cold cuts.

Concannon Petit Sirah (About $3.75)
Round, robust, even spicy, this hearty red from a Rhône-type grape was popularized in California by Concannon, and is sturdy enough and complex enough to benefit from aging.

Louis M. Martini Pinot Noir (About $3.75)
This Napa winery does a fine job with the fussy red grape of Burgundy, making it into a full round dinner wine that best complements steaks and roasts. The '69 and '70 are particularly fine examples.

J. Pedroncelli Cabernet Sauvignon (About $4)
The wines of this small family-run winery have begun to be distributed nationally. The Cabernet is an excellent value, well-balanced, full of character and flavor and, though enjoyable now, a good choice to lay away.

Beaulieu Vineyard Pinot Noir (About $4)
It isn't easy to make a fine Pinot Noir in California's climate, but BV's is usually first-rate, full of fruit and lingering flavor. Never better than as a soft, satiny-textured accompaniment to a standing rib roast.

Louis M. Martini Cabernet Sauvignon (About $4)
For the price this is probably the most outstanding value in California Cabernets. In particular, look for the superb 1970 vintage just released. Wonderful now, but it will be at its best in six to eight years.

Weibel Vineyards Pinot Noir (About $4)
This smooth, round and flavorful light-bodied red is one of the finest reds Weibel produces. Not terribly complex, it nevertheless has a lovely silky body and a long, lingering finish. An excellent choice with steaks.

Ridge Coast Range Zinfandel (About $4)
Ridge wines are in limited distribution and usually expensive, but this Zinfandel has much of the fullness of character and depth of flavor that Ridge wines are noted for—and for a moderate price. Soft, fruity, yet with a certain austerity, this wine is ready for drinking now.

Parducci Cabernet Sauvignon (About $5)
This Mendocino County winery produces sturdy, robust Cabernet Sauvignons with a depth of flavor and character that will repay a few years' additional aging. The 1970 vintage in particular is outstanding.

Sutter Home Zinfandel (Deaver Vineyard) (About $5)
This unusually intense and powerful red is an excellent example of the sort of spicy, earthy, substantial wine that can be made from Zinfandel. Serve with hearty, spicy food.

Simi Cabernet Sauvignon (About $5)
Some California wineries are now following the Bordeaux practice of blending wine from Merlot grapes with Cabernet to produce a softer, rounder wine that does not need lengthy aging. The '72 Cabernet from Simi, with 40% Merlot, is a most agreeable example.

Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon (About $6.50)
This outstanding red ranks with the best of California, including some wines costing twice the price. Elegant, complex and with a lovely scented nose, it would grace the table of any dinner party. The '69 and '70 vintages were superb; look for the '73 vintage now.

Inglenook Cask Cabernet Sauvignon (About $6.75)
Long the finest red wine produced by this well-known Napa winery, the cask bottlings carry different lot numbers. The current vintages are keeping up the standards beautifully. The '70 in particular shows the considerable depth, full, rich character and chalky tannin and aging potential expected of a first-rate California Cabernet.

Beaulieu Vineyard Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (About $10)
This superb Napa Valley Cabernet had few competitors for sheer richness, style and depth of flavor until the late 1960s—and it still ranks with the best. The 1970, though far from its peak, is sublime and shows all the marks of future greatness.

ROSES

Beaulieu Vineyard Beaurosé (About $2.50)
A delicious, dry rosé from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Gamay and Grenache grapes, this has a pleasant olive-y Cabernet scent. Excellent with summer picnics and lunches and superb with ham. Buy the youngest vintage available.

Ste. Michelle Grenache Rosé (About $3)
An excellent, semi-dry rosé with an extremely intense, almost strawberrylike flavor. Too sweet for some, others will find this wine perfect when chilled to accompany cold jellied dishes.

Mirassou Vineyards Petit Rosé (About $3)
A slightly spicy rosé from Petit Sirah grapes, this wine is very intriguing, with a pleasant orange-y scent. Buy the youngest available and drink chilled.

SHERRIES AND PORT

Widmer's Special Selection Sherry (About $2.50)
This rich, nutty, medium-dry sherry is New York's best. Aged eight to ten years in wood, it would be difficult to identify as being made from native American grapes. Excellent for anytime sipping, particularly with English tea biscuits.

Cresta Blanca Dry Watch Sherry (About $3)
Tangy and characterful, this tawny, golden California sherry has all the dry, appetizing qualities an apéritif needs. Serve with hors d'oeuvre.

Paul Masson Rare Souzão Port (About $3)
A rich, red, ruby port, this fruity, sweet dessert wine has depth of character and some complexity to balance its sugar. Try serving this wine with walnuts or possibly pound cake.

SPARKLING WINES

Gold Seal Charles Fournier Blanc de Blancs (About $5.25)
New York's finest sparkling wine, this has a clean, crisp, delicate character and shows best crackling cold. Although not quite dry, it makes a delightful apéritif.

Paul Masson Brut Champagne (About $5.25)
This sparkling wine has a touch of fresh yeastiness to its nose and a richness to its flavor characteristic of more expensive Champagnes. Not quite dry, it has enough character to accompany most foods that would call for white wine.

Korbel Natural Champagne (About $6.50)
This is a *really* dry example, perhaps too much so for some tastes, but its crispness, accented by its fine bubbles, makes it a most elegant apéritif. The base wine is almost half Chardonnay, giving it depth and its long lingering flavor. ■

NOBODY EVER TELLS YOU THESE THINGS

By HELEN McCULLY

When are fresh nectarines in the market?

We give you the 10 most important nectarines out of a possible 25. Freestones (May Grand, Red June, Early Sungrand, Independence and Sun Grand) start coming into the market early in June and are available, more or less, until the end of July; clingstones (Red Grand, Le Grand, Gold King, Late Le Grand, Autumn Grand) follow freestones, coming on the market toward the end of July and are available, more or less, through August.

What do you look for when buying nectarines?

One of the most beautiful fruits and perfectly delicious eaten out of hand, a fully ripe nectarine has a bright red "blush" with shadings that vary with the variety and yield slightly when pressed gently with one's hand. If not completely ripe when purchased, they should be held at room temperature until fully ripened, then refrigerated.

Are cracked eggs safe to use?

The USDA says that cracked or soiled eggs can contain harmful bacteria and they should be used only in foods that are to be thoroughly cooked, such as baked foods or casseroles.

How do you clean kitchen knives?

First, every time steel knives are used, they should be cleaned immediately. Thus, no stained knives when you need them. The handiest thing that has come our way for this purpose is the Scotch-Brite scouring pad (a 3M product); which is non-metallic, won't rust, won't splinter and rinses clean. They can be used over and over again to clean grills, broilers, frying pans, oven, stove burners (keep one right beside the sink) and they are even good for marks on tile, wood and linoleum floors.

How do you clean an oven thermometer?

We asked Taylor Instrument and the firm tells us that even the best heat-resistant inks will not stand up against agents as caustic as oven cleaners. So, the best way to clean these thermometers (and we point out again, every kitchen should have an oven thermometer) is to give them a good long soaking in a normal detergent solution. Then rinse and dry.

What is grass-fed beef?

"Grass-fed" is popularly used to describe beef from cattle that have been fed only on range or pasture or have received a *limited* ration of grain before being marketed. This is not, the American Meat Institute tells us, an official government designation. These animals include steers and heifers that have not gone through feedlots and cows and bulls culled from the nation's breeding herd. Younger "grass-fed" animals, marketed at 12 to 15 months of age, weighing from 600 to 800 pounds, usually qualify for the USDA as *Standard* grade beef; animals 800 to 1,000 pounds are marketed at 15 to 25 months of age and normally qualify as USDA *Good* or *Standard*. Cows and bulls six to seven years old culled from the nation's breeding herd when marketed are used in processed meats such as hamburgers or sausage products.

What does beef grading mean?

First created in 1927, grading and grades for livestock and meat are used to identify the characteristics that generally indicate differences in palatability and, therefore, in value. Grading is a measuring system to provide farmers, packers, wholesalers and retailers with uniform standards for buying and selling livestock and meat. Further, grades help the consumer—you—to identify various levels of quality.

How is beef graded today?

On Feb. 23, 1976, the government's new beef grading standards went into effect. The four grades of interest to the consumer are: USDA Prime, USDA Choice, USDA Good and USDA Standard. U.S. Prime is the highest grade and is produced in limited quantities. Only about 4½% of the total production of fed beef is normally marked Prime. The most popular grade is Choice. Choice is leaner than Prime but is still juicy and flavorful. Both U.S. Good and U.S. Standard fall below Choice on the grading scale. They contain less fat, are seldom offered as graded beef and are more apt to have the store brand on them and be marked "economy beef." The Standard grade falls somewhat below Good in palatability, but both are usually tender although less juicy and flavorful than Choice or Prime grades. ■

HERBS

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Pour any meat juices into the sauce. Stir. Then spoon shallot sauce over the meat. Serve at once to four or even six.

*One bulb will have two or sometimes three shallots.

ANNE WILLAN'S ALSATIAN SAUERKRAUT

6 cups (three 16-ounce cans) sauerkraut
1 four- to five-pound piece ham shank
1 large yellow onion, peeled
***Tied in a cheesecloth bag:* 2 whole cloves, 1 peeled garlic clove, 10 juniper berries**
6 tablespoons shortening or lard
2 cups dry white wine
1 pound lean bacon, all in one piece
1½ pounds smoked loin of pork or 1 pound Canadian bacon
6 to 8 frankfurters
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Wash the sauerkraut thoroughly. Squeeze with your hands to extract all the juice and water, then pull the strands apart.

Place a layer of the sauerkraut in a large heavy casserole. Set the ham shank on top. Add the remaining sauerkraut so the ham is almost covered. Bury the onion and bag of seasonings in the sauerkraut. Dot with shortening. Add the wine, cover tightly and cook in a preheated 350° oven for one hour. Stir the sauerkraut thoroughly, then add the bacon and pork loin, pushing them down into the sauerkraut. Continue cooking 2½ hours or longer.

At the end of the cooking time, all the liquid should have been absorbed. If not, place the casserole over a good heat and boil for a few minutes.

To finish the sauerkraut, poach the frankfurters in boiling water for 10 to 12 minutes. Take the ham, pork and bacon from the casserole and slice, discarding skin and bones. Taste the sauerkraut. It should be rich but not greasy and have a mild, not sharp, flavor. If necessary, add a little salt and pepper. Pile the sauerkraut on a large heated serving platter. Discard the bag of seasonings. Arrange the meats overlapping on top of the sauerkraut. Drain the frankfurters and arrange around the sides of the platter.

Serve with freshly boiled potatoes to six, possibly eight.

ANNE WILLAN'S CHAMPIGNONS ET OIGNONS A LA GRECQUE

(Mushrooms and Onions à la Grecque)

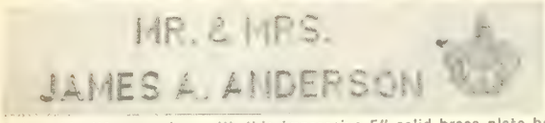
A delicious hors d'oeuvre or an inexpensive accompaniment for salami, ham or other cold meats. The marinade, aromatic with coriander seeds, is excellent with other vegetables such as cauliflower, broccoli, etc.

18 to 20 small white onions
1 cup dry white wine
2 shallots or green onion bulbs, peeled and minced
1 clove garlic, crushed and peeled
2 teaspoons tomato paste
1 lemon, peeled and sliced thin
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon coriander seeds
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
***Bouquet garni:* 1 stalk parsley, 1 bay leaf, good pinch thyme tied in a cheesecloth bag**
½ pound button mushrooms, stemmed, cut in half
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
***Garnish:* 4 to 5 sprigs parsley, minced, 1 lemon, sliced thin**

Pour boiling water over the onions; let stand two minutes. Drain and peel. Cut an X in the root end to keep the onions from falling apart when cooked. Then set aside.

Combine the wine, shallots, garlic, tomato paste, peeled lemon slices, oil, coriander, peppercorns and *bouquet garni* in a shallow pan. Bring to a boil, then simmer five minutes. Add the onions. Bring to a boil again, then simmer for 10 minutes or until *almost* cooked. Add the mushrooms and simmer another three minutes or until both vegetables are tender. Then, with a slotted spoon, lift all of the (*Continued on page 119*)

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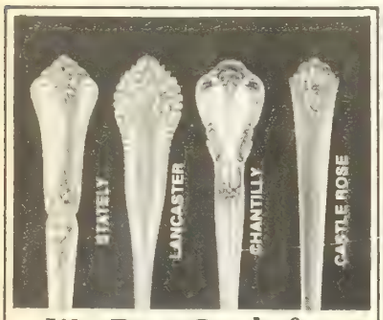


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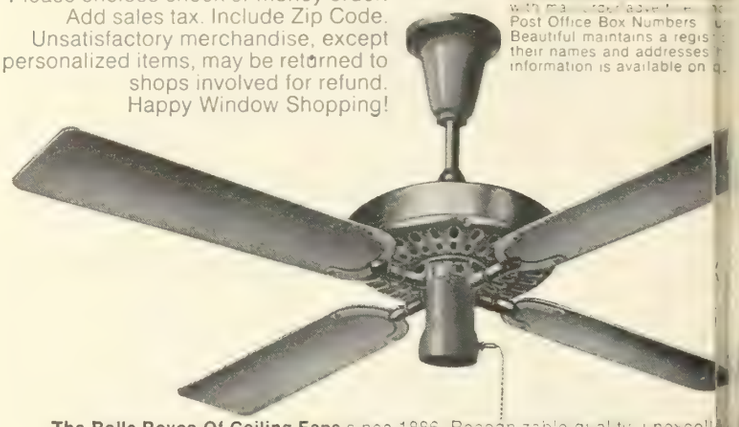


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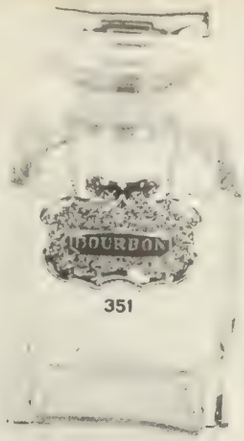


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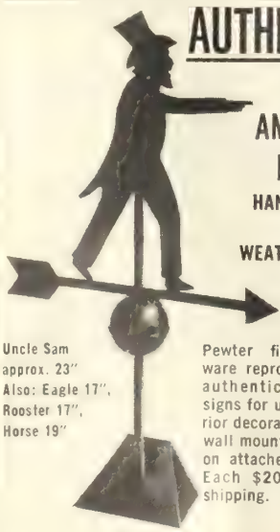


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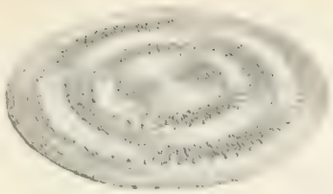
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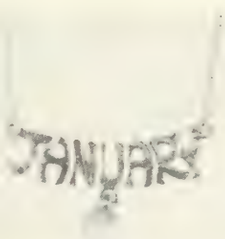
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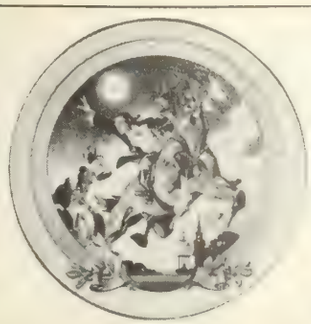
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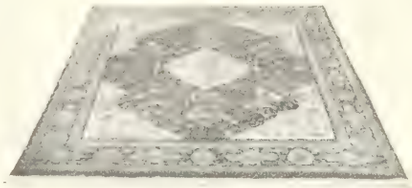
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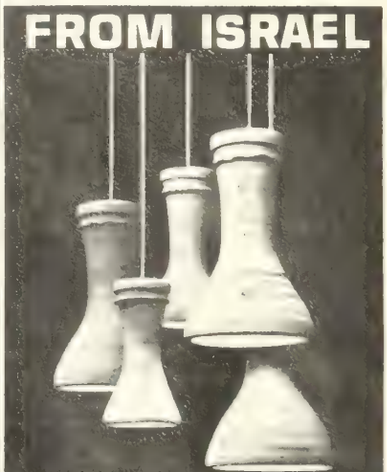
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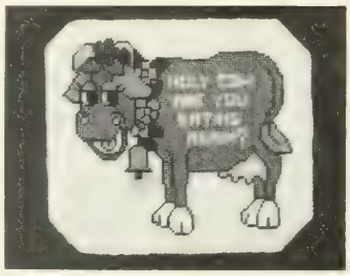
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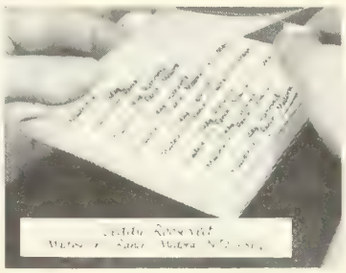
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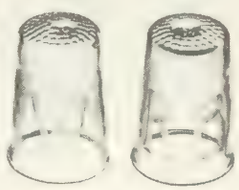
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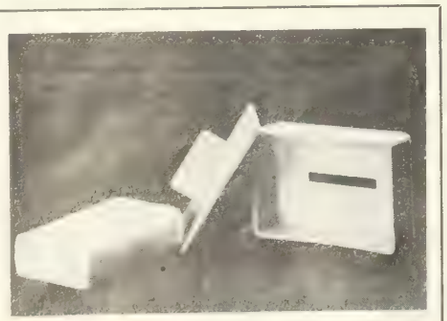


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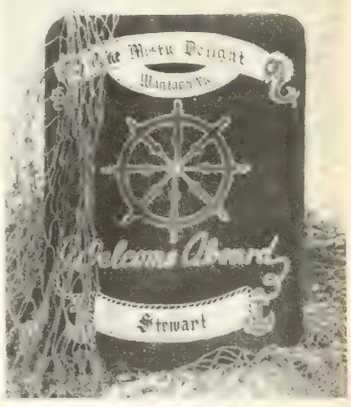
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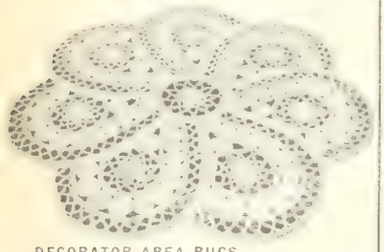
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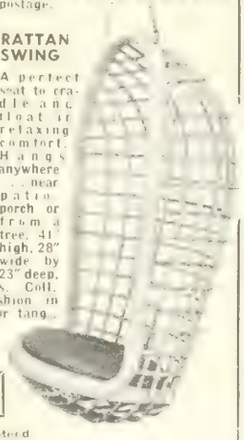


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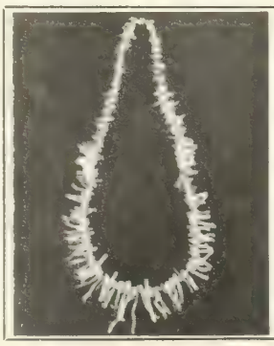
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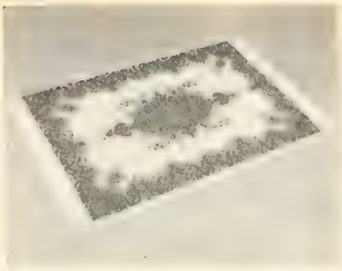
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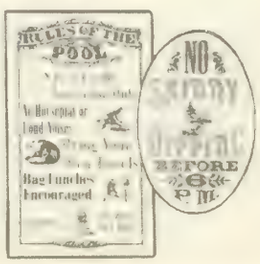
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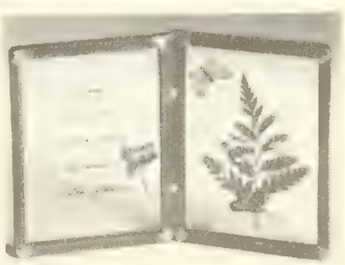
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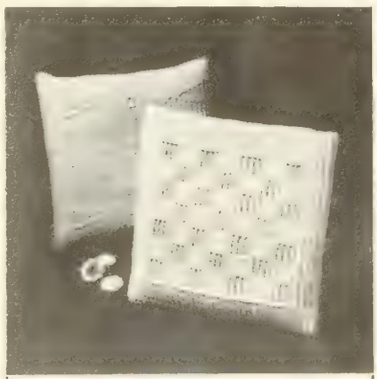
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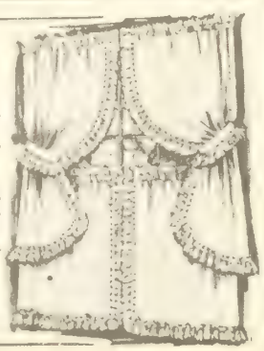
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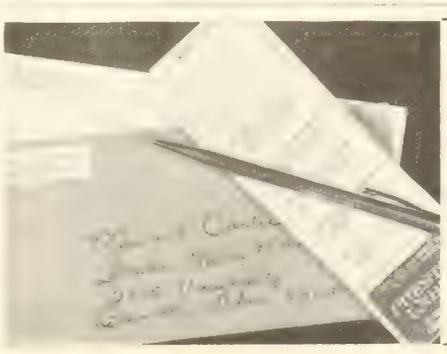
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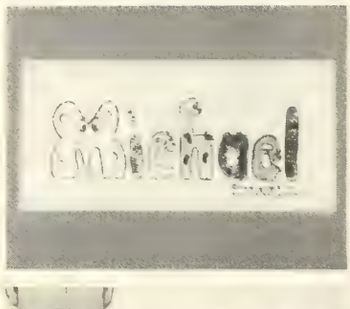


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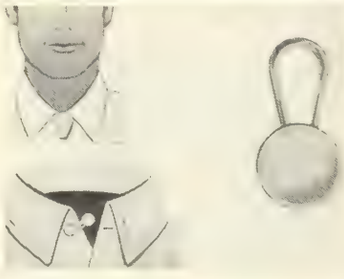
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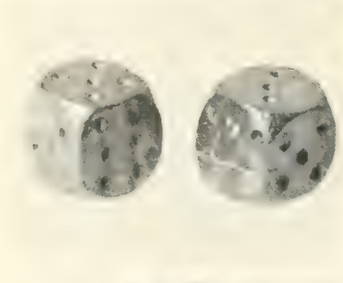
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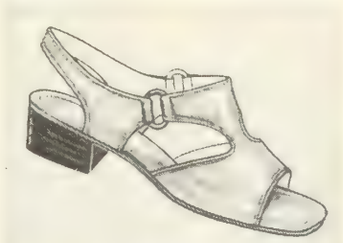
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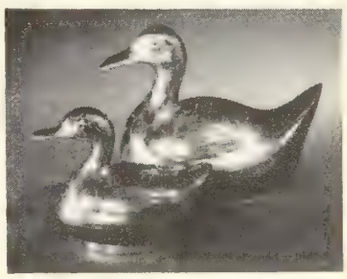
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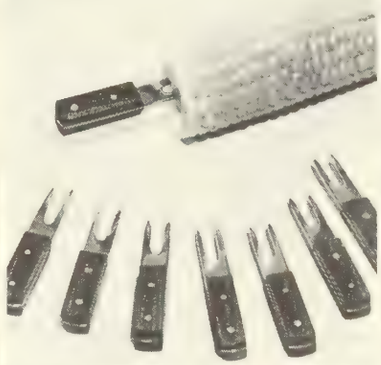


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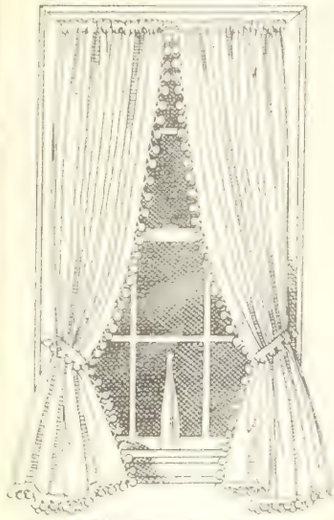
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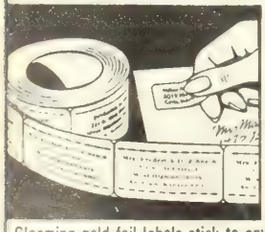


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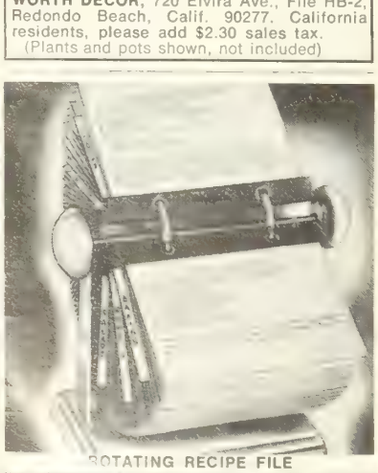


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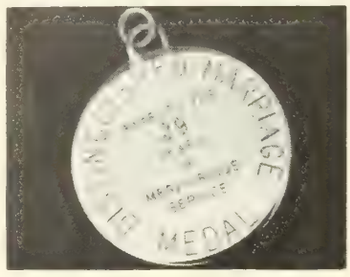
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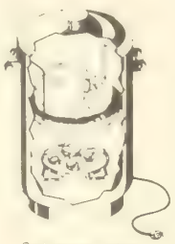
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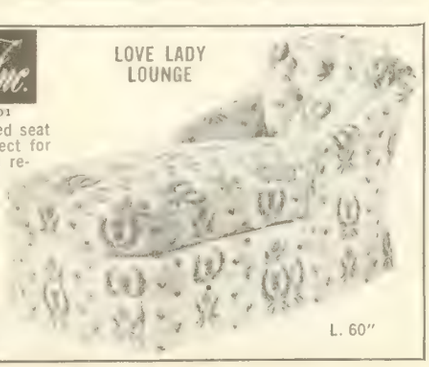
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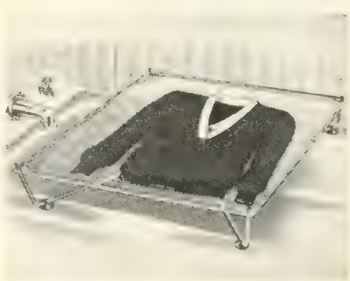
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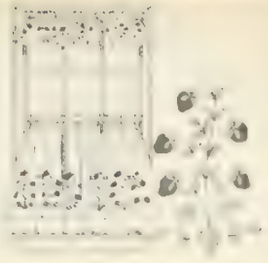


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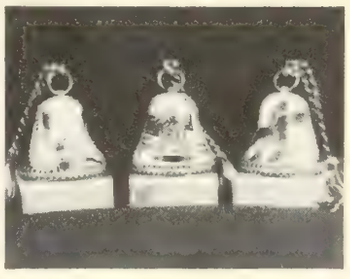
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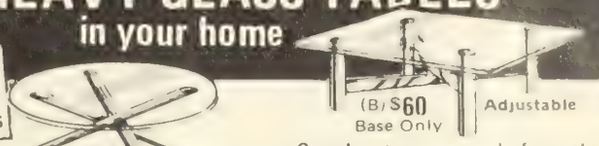
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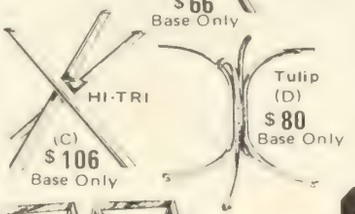
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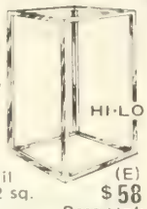
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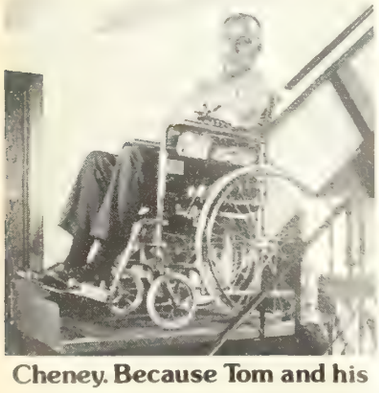
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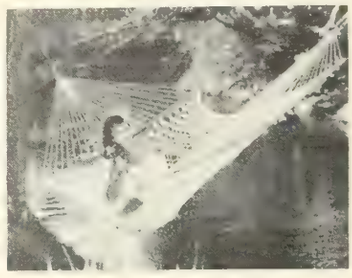
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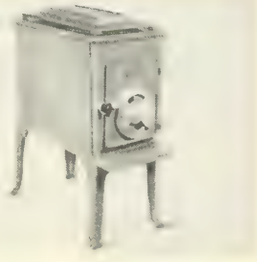
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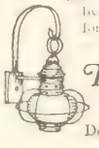
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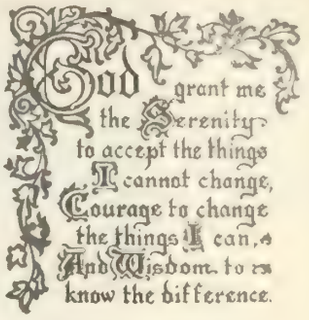
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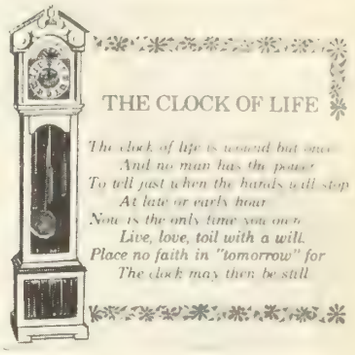


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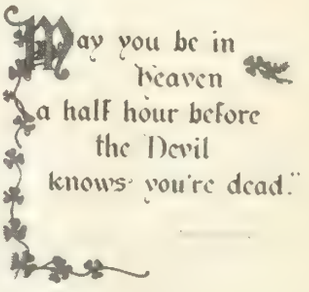
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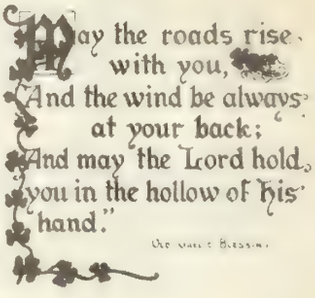
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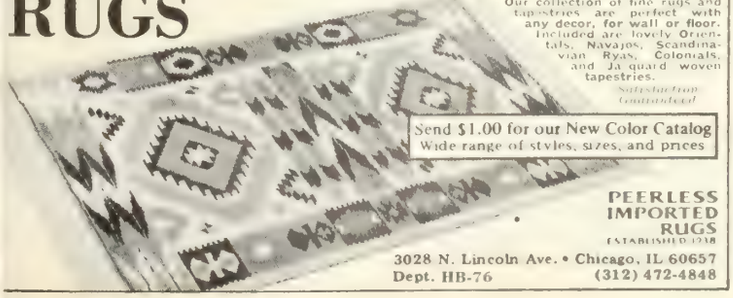
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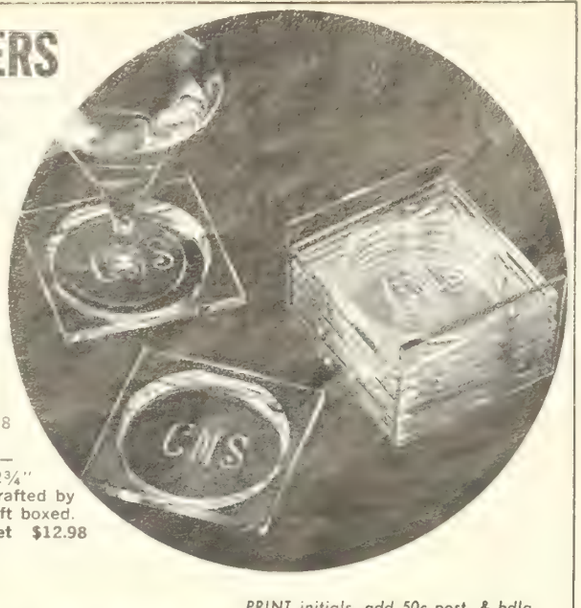
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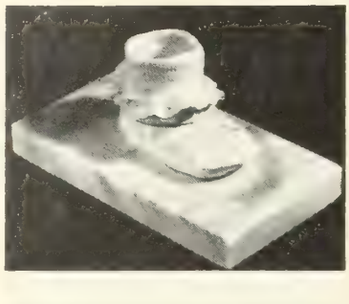
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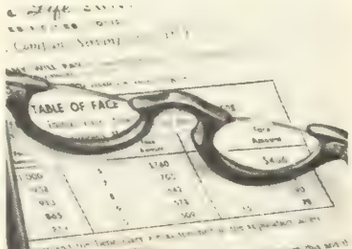
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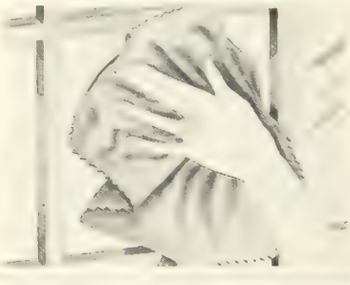
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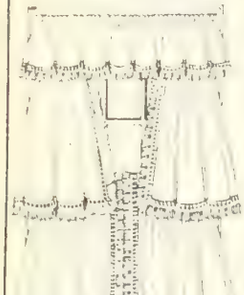


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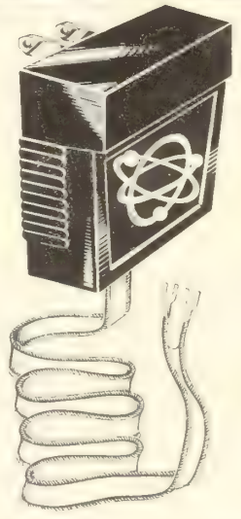
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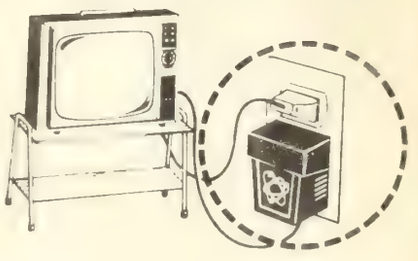
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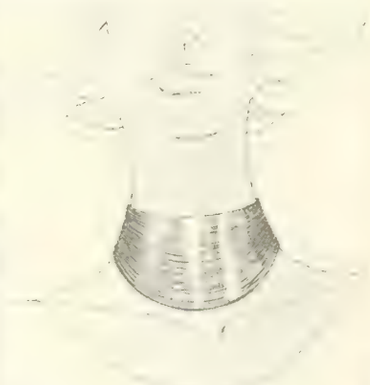
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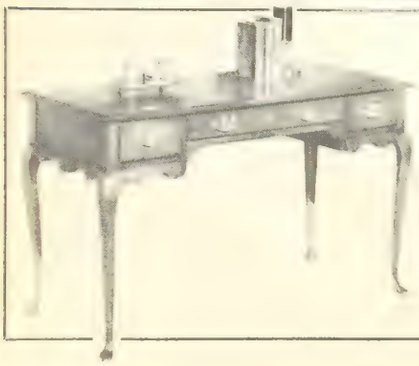
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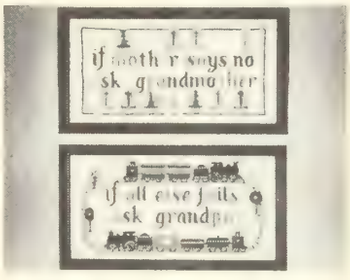
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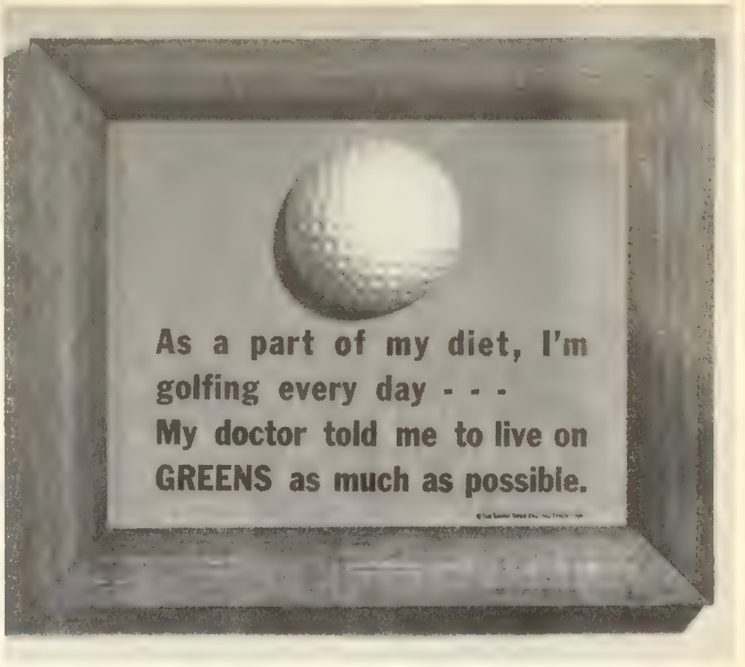


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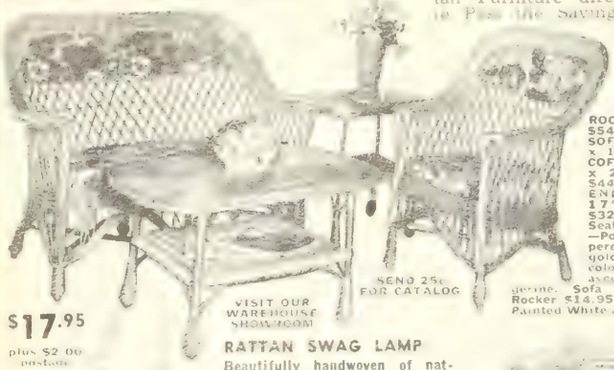
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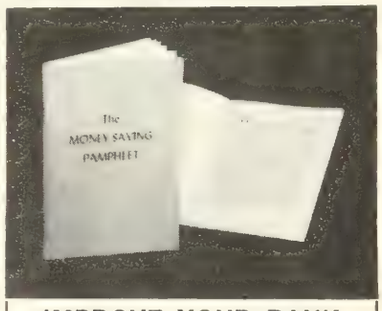


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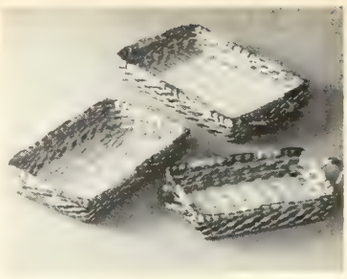
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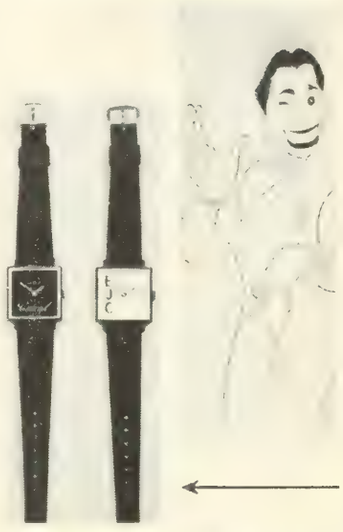
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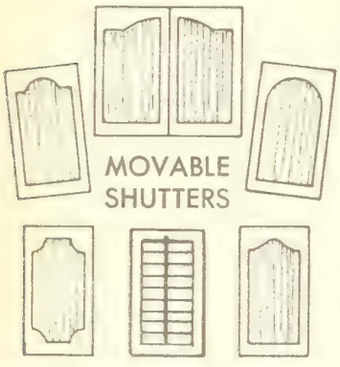
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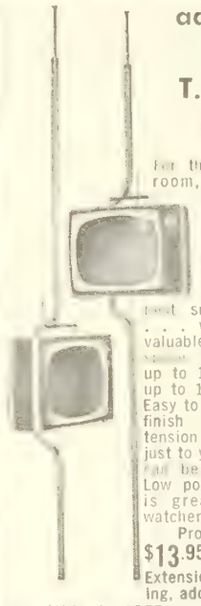
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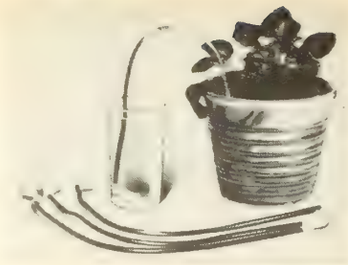
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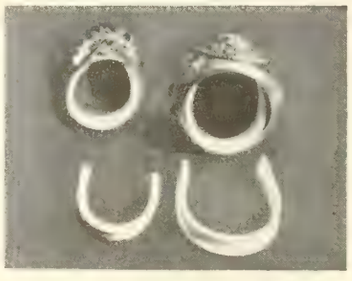
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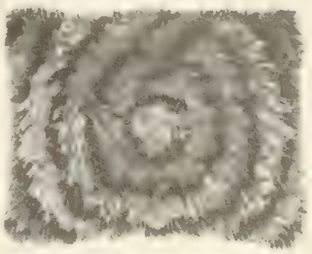
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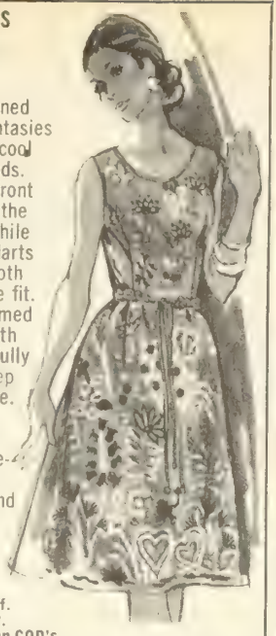
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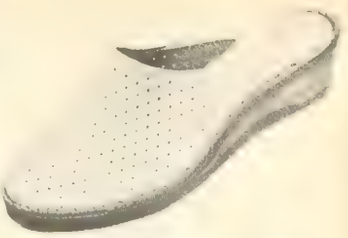


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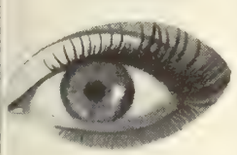
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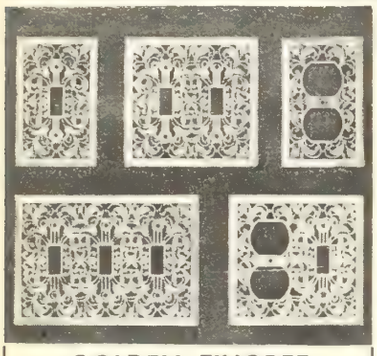
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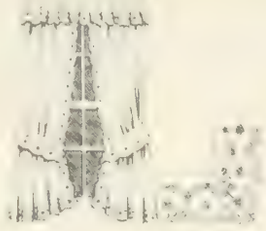


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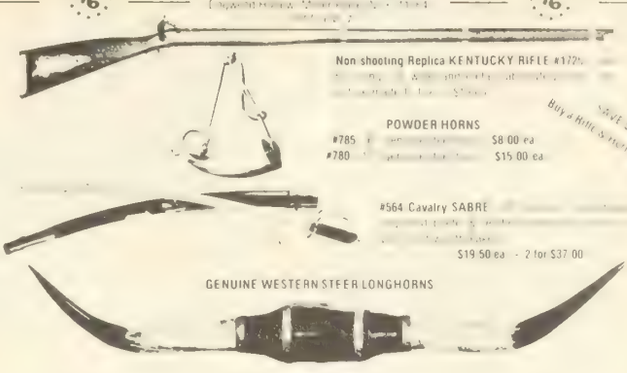
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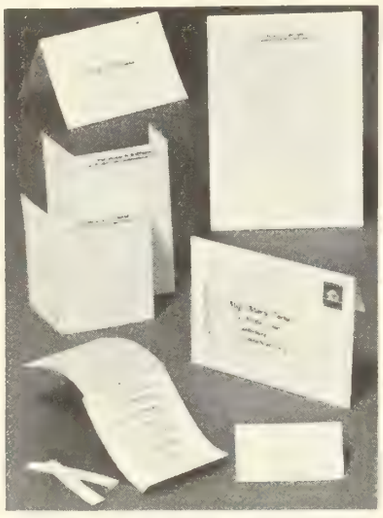


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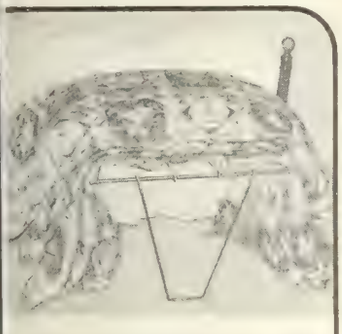
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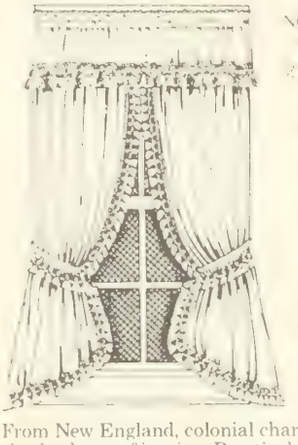
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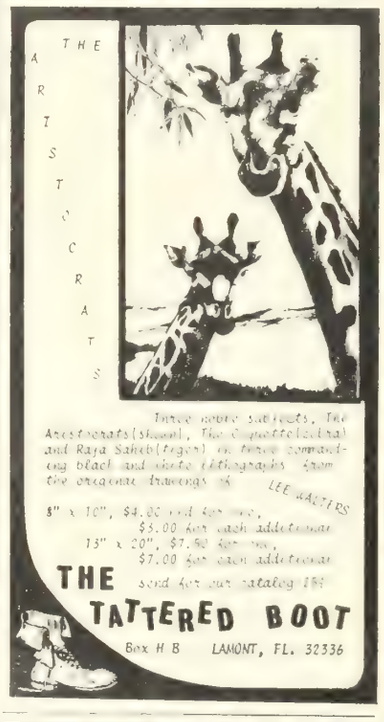


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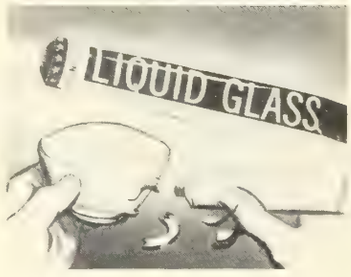
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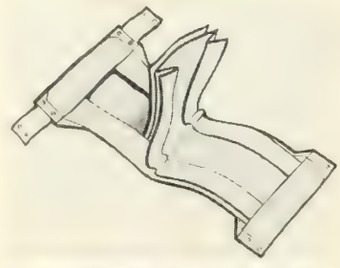
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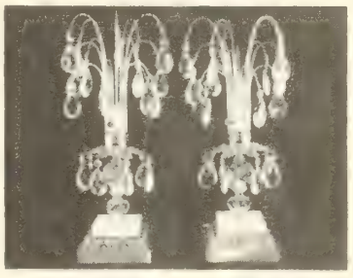
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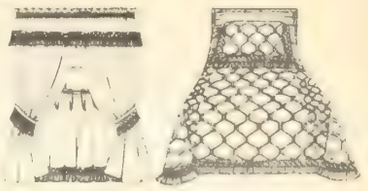
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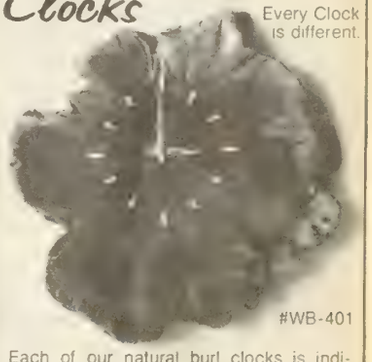
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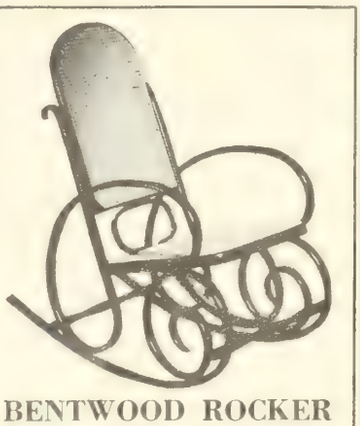


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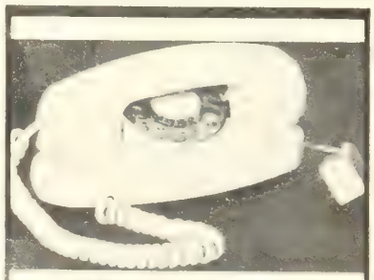
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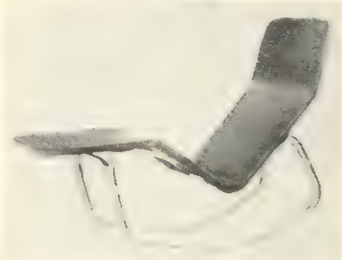
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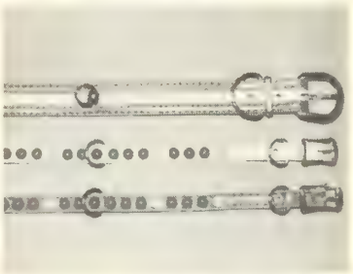
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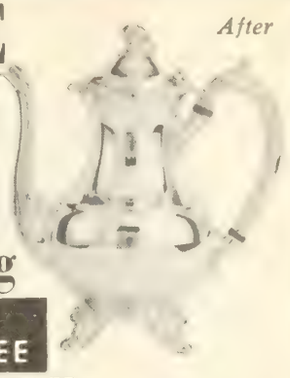


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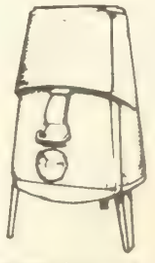
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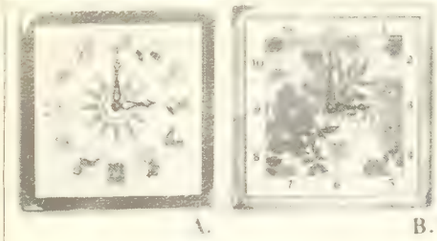
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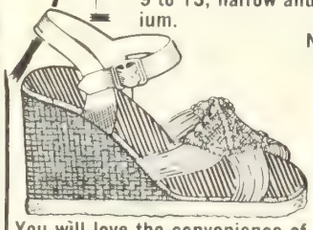
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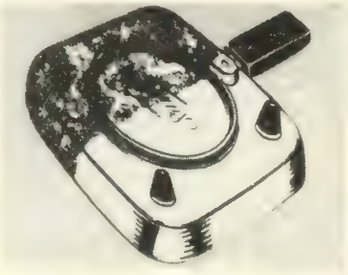
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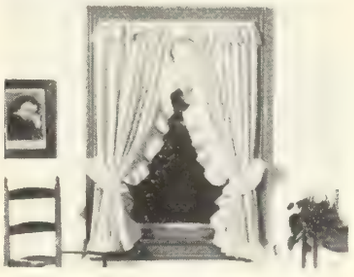
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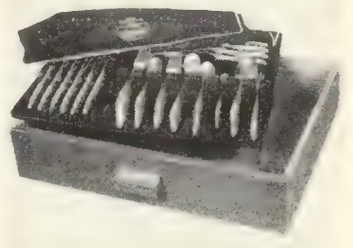
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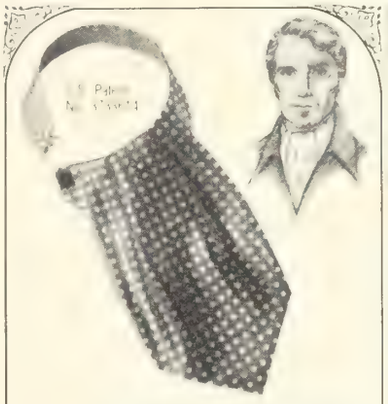
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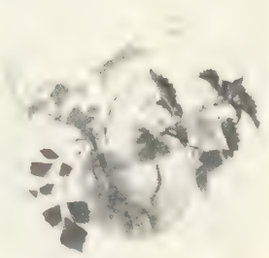
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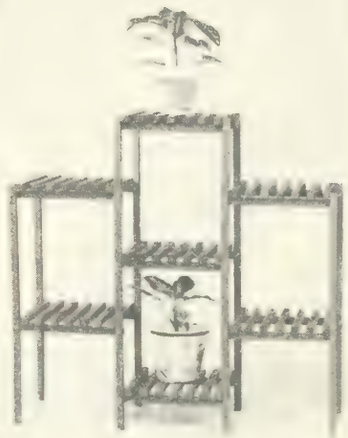


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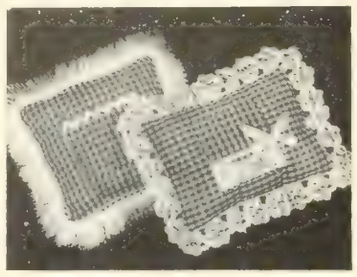


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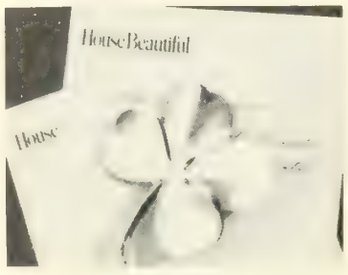
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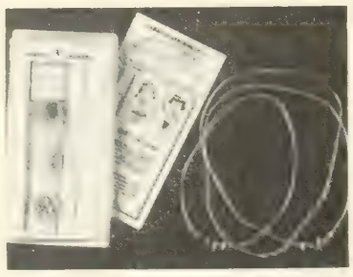
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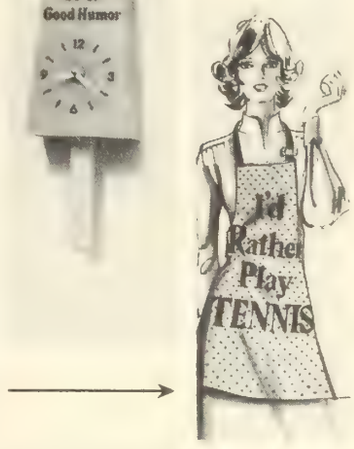
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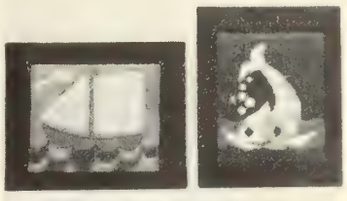
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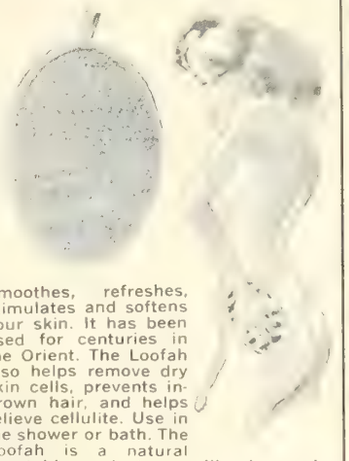
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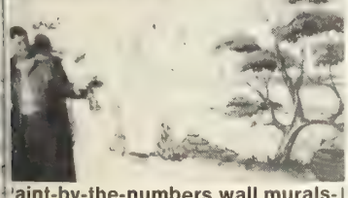


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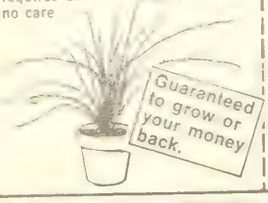
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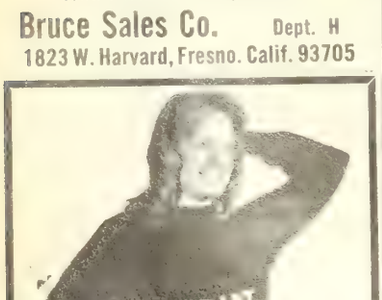


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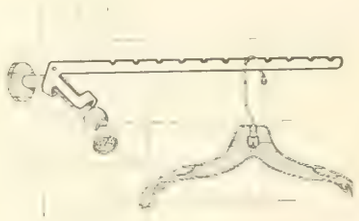
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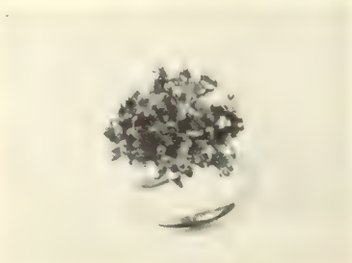
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Pages 62-63—Jenn

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Pages 64-67—Vance

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Pages 68-72—Lyrical

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Beurre manié: (1 tablespoon butter, mixed with 1 of flour)
Garnish: Sautéed cherry tomatoes

Heat *3 tablespoons of the oil* in a large heavy casserole that has a cover. Add the meat, a few pieces at a time (don't crowd the pan) and brown nicely on all sides. As the meat is browned, lift to a side dish. Add a little more of the oil, the onions and *2 cloves of the garlic.* Cook over moderate heat until lightly browned. Take care not to burn the garlic or it will taste bitter. Return the meat to the casserole, season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with the sugar and flour. Cook, shaking the pan and turning the meat, until it's evenly coated with flour and lightly glazed with sugar.

Add the wine. Bring to a boil and reduce to one-half. Add the tomatoes, thyme, bay leaf, 1 parsley stock and enough broth to cover the meat. Bring to a boil. Cover and place in the center of a preheated 350° oven. Braise the meat for 1½ hours or until tender.

While the meat cooks, combine the basil leaves, remaining garlic cloves, tomato paste, Parmesan and 1 tablespoon of the minced parsley in the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade or in the blender. Blend to a smooth purée. Set this aside.

Once the meat is cooked, lift to a side dish with a slotted spoon and keep warm.

Degrease the pan juices. Place the casserole over high heat and reduce juice to about half. Drop the *beurre manié*, bit by bit, into the juices, whipping constantly with a wire whisk. Continue cooking until the sauce coats a spoon. Beat in the basil mixture. Taste for seasoning. Return meat to the casserole and bring to a boil. No more to do. Transfer to a heated serving dish, garnish with parsley and the sautéed cherry tomatoes. Serves six handsomely accompanied by saffron-flavored rice.

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1½ pounds fresh green beans
6 to 8 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium yellow onions, peeled and sliced thin
4 ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves
2 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
2 anchovy fillets
Garnish: **½ cup black Greek olives, 4 to 5 sprigs parsley, minced**

Snap the top off the beans with any attached "strings." Bring cold, salted water to boil in a large, heavy saucepan. Add the beans and cook until just tender —eight to 10 minutes. Drain at once; run under cold water to stop the cooking. Set aside.

In a large, heavy skillet, heat *3 tablespoons of the oil.* Add the onions and a cup of water. Bring to a boil and cook until all the water has boiled away and the onions are very soft but not brown. If necessary, add more water. Add the tomatoes, salt and pepper to taste, and cook over high heat until thick and all the juices have evaporated. Add the drained beans. Bring to a boil; simmer five minutes.

While the beans simmer, combine the remaining oil, basil, garlic and anchovy fillets in the bowl of the electric food processor or the electric blender. Purée until smooth. Add to the beans and tomatoes. Bring to a boil but do not cook further. Taste for seasoning. Serve hot garnished with Greek olives and parsley. Serves six.

MAURICE MOORE-BETTY'S ROAST CHICKEN WITH LEMON BALM

1 2½- to three-pound broiler-fryer
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
Coarse Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 clove garlic, peeled and cut in half
2 handfuls lemon balm

Wipe the inside of the chicken with a fresh damp cloth. Sprinkle very generously with coarse salt. Rub the inside of the chicken with one piece of the garlic. Make a thorough job of this so that the garlic rubs off on the salt. Add a dusting of freshly ground pepper and fill the bird's cavity with lemon balm. Rub a generous tablespoon of coarse salt into the chicken's skin, then rub with the remaining cut clove of garlic. Truss the chicken and pour half the lemon juice inside.

Place on a rack in a roasting pan and pour the remainder of the lemon juice over it. Dust with a little more coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper. Roast in a preheated 400° oven for one hour, *without basting, and do not open the oven door.*

MAURICE MOORE-BETTY'S SAUCE VERTE

2 cups homemade mayonnaise
½ bunch watercress leaves
1 bunch fresh chives
1 packed cup parsley sprigs
1 packed cup lemon balm
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Combine 1 cup of the mayonnaise with all the herbs in the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade. Process until you have a smooth mixture. Scrape into a mixing bowl and stir in the remaining cup of mayonnaise. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

MAURICE MOORE-BETTY'S CREME ANGLAISE

½ cup sugar
4 egg yolks
1¾ cups scalded milk
1 large sprig lemon balm

Combine sugar and egg yolks and beat until you have a thick, creamy mixture. Stir in a little of the hot milk. Pour into the top of the double boiler and place over simmering water. Stir in the remaining milk and lemon balm. Cook, beating constantly with a wire whip, until thickened or until the *crème* has reached 165° on a candy thermometer. Strain into a bowl and cool. To keep a skin from forming, cover the surface with Saran Wrap or sprinkle lightly with a little superfine sugar.

MARCELLA HAZAN'S ARROSTO DI POLLO IN TEGAME CON ROSMARINO*

(Pan-Roasted Chicken with Rosemary)

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
3 garlic cloves, peeled
1 2½-pound broiler-fryer, cut into four parts
1 branch fresh rosemary, cut in two, or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

In a heavy skillet, place the butter, oil, garlic and quartered chicken, skin side down, and the rosemary. Turn the heat to medium high. Once the chicken has browned on the skin side, turn and brown the other side. Control the heat so the fat stays hot and lively but is not scorching. If the garlic begins to burn, remove and discard *instantly.* (Burned garlic tastes bitter.) Otherwise leave it in.

As soon as the chicken has browned on all sides, sprinkle with 2 or 3 pinches of salt and liberal grindings of pepper. Reduce the heat so the fat is just simmering and cover the pan. Cook for 35 minutes or until the chicken is tender when pierced with a fork. Turn the chicken pieces over two or three times. If the chicken seems to be sticking, add 1 or 2 tablespoons of water.

Transfer the chicken to a heated serving platter. Remove and discard the garlic. Tilt the pan and draw off all but 2 tablespoons of the fat with a spoon. Turn the heat to high. Add 2 or 3 tablespoons of water and, with a wooden spatula, loosen any particles sticking to the bottom. Pour over the chicken and serve immediately to four.

*Adapted from the recipe in *The Classic Italian Cook Book* by Marcella Hazan (Knopf).

MARCELLA HAZAN'S SGOMBERI CON ROSMARINO E AGLIO*

(Mackerel with Rosemary and Garlic)

⅓ cup good olive oil
4 cloves garlic, peeled
4 mackerel (about ¾ pound each), scaled and gutted, heads and tails on
1 small branch fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried, crumbled fine
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Juice of ½ lemon, strained
Lemon wedges

Wash the mackerel under cold running water and pat dry.

Heat the oil in a heavy skillet large enough to accommodate the fish. Add the garlic and sauté until lightly colored. Take care not to let it burn or it will turn bitter. Add the fish and the rosemary. Reduce the heat to medium. Brown the fish well on each side, giving them a little push from time to time to keep them from sticking. If they do stick, turn them over carefully with a metal spatula so as not to break them. Season both sides with salt and pepper.

When the fish have browned nicely, add the lemon juice. Cover with a tight-fitting lid. Turn down the heat and cook slowly 10 to 15 minutes or until the fish flakes easily with a fork. Serve immediately with lemon wedges on the side. Serves four.

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1 cup dark brown sugar
1 cup tarragon wine vinegar (Dessauex Fils, if available)

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*About ½ cup minced leaves ■

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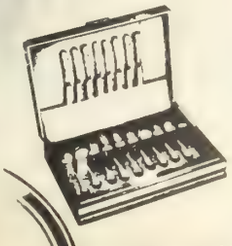
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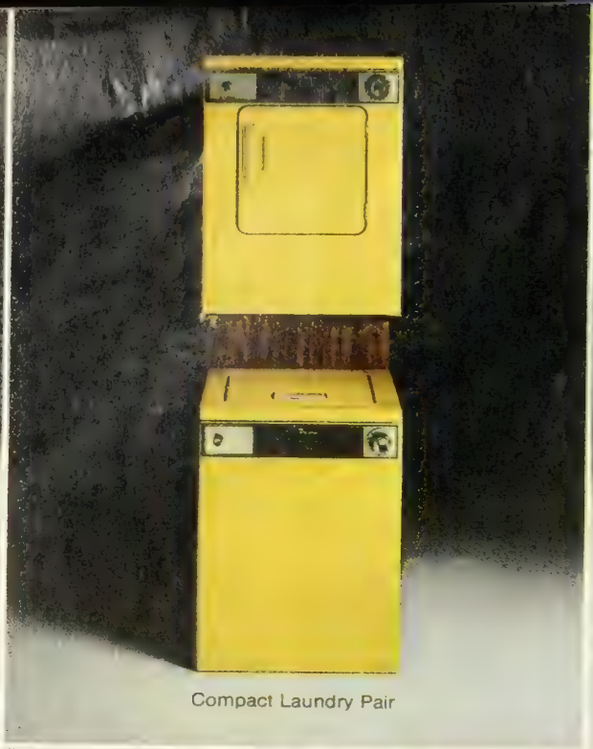
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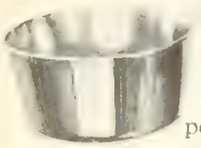
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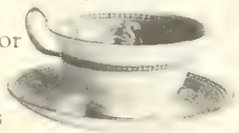
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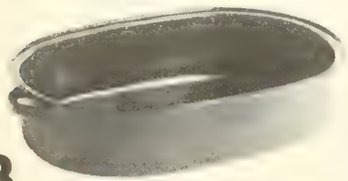
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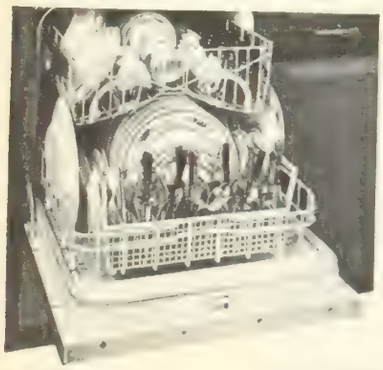


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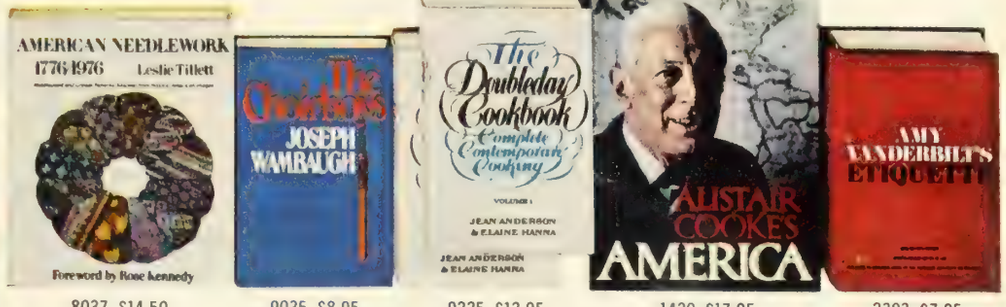
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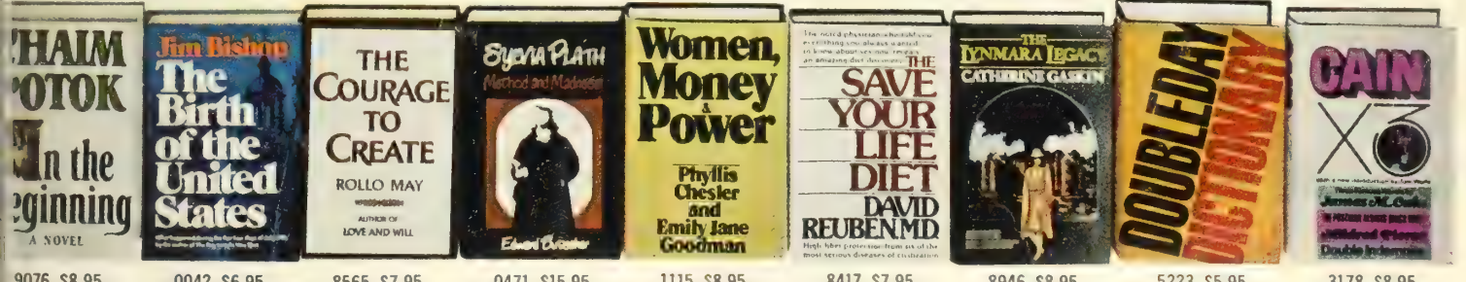
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important not to fall into the trap that society sets when dividing the labor. Just as a joke, I tell people who ask 'who does what?' that I do the structural analysis and field supervision and Julian does the colors and interiors. In actuality, we both do everything, although on certain jobs I might supervise one task and Julian another, but it changes from job to job. We share the roles and present ourselves to our clients as a team, although when we work with a couple as clients, invariably the wife will direct her questions about interiors to me and the husband will bring up money matters with Julian. We explain that if they treat us as a unit, the results will be better."

Whatever the office problems, both Neskis feel strongly that they should be confined to the office. "Sometimes this place is a bit of a commercial insane asylum and we sound like the proverbial mamma-poppa candy store operators, but we take pride in what we do," explains Julian.

Even though most problems are confined to the office, both agree that their home is a bit of a theater of architecture. Their two sons (college- and teen-aged) have been so exposed to the field "they even had their diapers changed on the drafting table," jokes Barbara. And although the parents agree that they are not pushing it, there is the distinct possibility that the boys may become architects, too.

The Neskis have rejected the suburbs, opting instead for urban life. Barbara recalls that she was afraid of being "fixed" in the suburbs and was also against the idea of commuting while raising a family. Nor did she like the idea of putting the children in the hands of a "caretaker." In the city she was just minutes away from school. When the boys were small, she could watch over them in the afternoons.

One afterthought both the Neskis bring up about their long partnership . . . simultaneously: "Parallel thinking," says Julian, "it's uncanny. I draw an idea and I look over at Barbara's board and she's doing almost the same thing!"

Fifteen-year-old John Giguere is already a competent cook. By a combination of desire and necessity, he often begins and sometimes finishes cooking the family's evening meal. His enterprise surfaces when his parents, George and Jan Giguere, are so immersed in running Lakeridge, a new 200-acre residential community northwest of Hartford, Conn., that they forget the hour. For the Gigueres, it is an immersion far from drudgery. They are as enthusiastic about the $30-million venture today as they were when the concept took shape eight years ago.

Officially, George is president and Jan director of marketing (he says) and director of advertising (she says). Unofficially, most project decisions—saving trees, house designs, facility locations—were made jointly. Jan demurs, but George says "Jan was as much responsible for the creation of Lakeridge as I was."

Though they had worked together briefly operating his family's remodeling business, Lakeridge is their first major undertaking. Rather than put a strain on the marriage, the experience has strengthened their personal ties. Says Jan, "I think working for a common goal has bound us together. My only regret is the loss of time spent with our children." The natural boyishness of John and his brother, Bradley, 12, appear to erase any concern over the absences of their parents. The weekday, and sometimes weekend, separations between parents and children are not severe when measured by distance. The Gigueres live in their own community, a telling comment on their confidence in the project.

When the Gigueres do argue, it is often about business, but is more a reflection of temperaments than symptoms of a schism. George is gregarious and open, loves the challenge this has been and seems unfazed at dealing with credit in large sums. Jan is artistic and warm, slower to accept people at face value, would prefer to solve specific problems and is nervous about the credit George manages so easily. Their temperaments suit the tasks they've chosen in the company, or rather, in which they have comfortably settled—a fact that helps explain why Lakeridge is successful while many other resort/permanent communities in the nation have failed.

"We wonder what we talked about before!" marvel Valerie and Larry Schwartz, an active husband-and-wife business team who frankly admit that working together has brought them closer and strengthened their marriage.

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tie that helps bind the Schwartzes. Larry—lawyer, accountant, banker—bought the company with two partners as an investment (they were only making chair mats then) and designed the original line of desk accessories out of scrap material. Valerie, who has a retailing background, was at that time co-owner of a gift shop and her boutique was his first successful sales outlet. When she suggested they merchandise the items at the May, 1974, New York Stationery Show, he agreed, and immediately appointed her sales manager, a job she has held ever since.

Handling sales and designing for Accessories by Acricite is a job that now occupies so much of Valerie's time that she calls her office her "first home" while her house is her "second home." She has booked Acricite's personalized line of desk, bathroom and fashion accessories into 2,500 stores nationwide and this year expects to double last year's $1-million sales figure. Does she feel guilty about leaving the children (each has three from previous marriages)? Yes, to the extent that she would like to devote more unreserved time to each child, but Valerie is in the enviable position of being her own boss. She can conveniently arrange to be on hand when the school bus arrives, then spend the afternoon at home contacting buyers on the telephone. The children do resent her weekly selling trip to New York City and frequently express their dislike, but Valerie clearly loves her job and does not regret giving up working three short days in her store to "come to work for my husband 24 hours a day, seven days a week—work *with*, not *for*," she corrects herself.

Larry stops by Acricite every morning on his way to his law practice and again in the afternoon to handle manufacturing problems and the chair mat side of the business. In fact, both feel they see and communicate with each other more now than ever before since Larry is a man who is constantly working and it is not feasible for Valerie to participate in his other business concerns. Their togetherness has even been known to extend to grocery shopping in the all-night supermarket, something that was unheard of in pre-Acricite days.

Although Valerie handles most of the designing now, they discuss all aspects of a project thoroughly so the results are truly joint efforts. Do the discussions ever turn into arguments? Sometimes, especially when it involves money—the cost of manufacturing a new item, for example. And sometimes business arguments make the trip home with the Schwartzes at the end of the day. It's a situation they admit not every couple could cope with, but fully agree that theirs is a "really good combination," both for home and business.

PRIVATE EFFORTS SAVE LIBRARIES

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basements and formed a referendum committee to vote into existence a library board and a tax to support it." The village passed the referendum by a three-to-one vote in June, 1974. "People expected us to open a new facility in three or four years," Mrs. Somerville says. "But we couldn't wait that long."

Developers, Realtors and local businesses were persuaded to contribute $25,000 in material and labor. Village residents donated more than 8,000 volumes. The library board bought a $3,000 portable building, put it on village land and opened the library less than a year after the referendum passed.

"It may not look like much, but it gives us great pride," Mrs. Somerville beams. "We have about 20 volunteers coming in regularly to catalog books and run the check-out desk."

Bloomingdale's library board has hired a library technician and is in the process of raising more money for a permanent structure. This year the village received the All State Library Award for excellence in achieving their goal and "for sheer guts"—as Carolyn Somerville terms it.

Aroused residents of Nassau County, Long Island, N.Y., formed the Citizens Council for Libraries to assist 55 independent libraries in a cooperative system. Day-to-day financing for library operating services comes from local taxes but this fell short of growing county needs.

"We pushed to get additional funding for a county system," explains Andrew Geddes, director of the Nassau Library System. While libraries were extending services, state financing had remained constant. The group (*Continued on page 22*)



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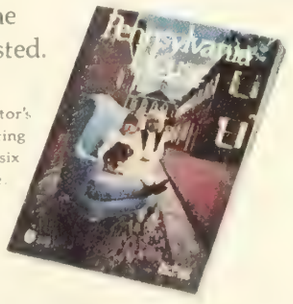
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In Mokena, Ill., a women's book club began functioning as a Friends of the Library group over 10 years ago. They worked for the establishment of tax support status for a library and set one up in the basement of an old church. Volunteers painted bookshelves, collected books and served adjoining communities with bookmobiles operated by volunteers. They are now saving for the construction of a new building to be placed on land accumulated by state tax funds.

San Francisco's Friends of the Library group has grown from 177 to nearly 1,500 dues-paying members. Funds are used for community enrichment projects which are not funded by the city's library budget. A separate organization, Keep Libraries Alive, was formed to handle lobbying activities. Since its founding in 1961, the group has been developing programs to fulfill community needs. Their multi-media truck dispenses books at convalescent homes; they sponsor film festivals, schedule children's programs, put out a newspaper and sponsor an annual book sale that netted $24,000 in 1974.

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Tin Can Alley Antiques, 41 Carmine St., New York City 10014—woodenware (treenware): bowls, butter scoops and paddles, pounders and pestles, rolling pins, molds, $3.50 to $35; tinware: graters, cake and muffin pans, cold molds, cups, cans, scoops, colanders, $1.50 to $25; hand tools: choppers, spatulas, beaters, knives, ladles, 50 cents to $23.50; ironware: griddles, waffle irons, muffin pans, kettles, sad irons, $15 to $60; mechanical kitchen gadgets: grinders, sausage stuffers, peelers, fluters, dough mixers, scales, $15 to $150.

Robert S. Walin, Half House Antiques, Flanders Road, Woodbury, Conn. 06798—set of six thumb-back chairs with the original yellow-and-black decoration, bamboo turning on the legs, c. 1820, $700; undecorated tole coffeepot, natural tin with side spout, c. 1835, $55; wrought-iron fry pans, c. 1830-1840, $45; redware teapot with red glaze c. 1830, $45; three-gallon stoneware jug with blue fern decoration, c. 1850, $40.



Self preservation notes: U.S. Department of Agriculture foresees the production of home canning replacement lids hitting the four-billion mark this year, doubling last year's production. Does it mean that twice as many people will be putting up their own preserves this season or that old-hand preservers will be doubling their output? Either way, the "down home," back-to-basics, do-it-yourself movement is going full tilt.

• • • ***Ram Sevak, enterprising news-carrier of Calcutta, has three subscriptions to House Beautiful which he rents out for a daily fee, personally delivering the magazine by bicycle . . . per diem rental fee declines as dog-eared pages develop . . . eventually the masterpiece is sold for paper recycling.***

Better safe than sorry . . . Union Carbide, dramatizing its message that all homes would be safer if they followed the international color-coded safety system of industrial plants, has just shown its Safety Doll House to a group of home economists . . . safe areas are green, yellow is a warning alert, orange indicates moving parts and red means danger or emergency . . . falls, fires and poisons are the big home perils, so the potentially dangerous kitchen and bathroom are appropriately colored yellow and red and there's a crewelwork "No Smoking" sign in the bedroom . . . It's suggested that some design ingenuity could stylishly incorporate this safety-color system into home decoration . . . All this triggered by the National Safety Council's awesome statistics that there are twice as many injuries in homes as in industry, that six times as many Americans were killed in their homes in 1974 as were killed on Revolutionary battlefields . . . there's a disabling home accident every eight seconds, a home-accident death every 21 minutes, most accidents occurring over weekends when do-it-yourselfers are at it . . . . And now some good news . . . Diamond Match is coming up with "StopLite," a new book match that burns with low heat and extinguishes itself halfway down the match stem . . . A lost key with your name and address on the key tag is an invitation to burglary, but a new coded tag for your keys tells finders to drop them in the mail box . . . coded tags and key-return are prepared at $3.25 a tag by Return-A-Key, Box 1009, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32015.—MARION GOUGH ■



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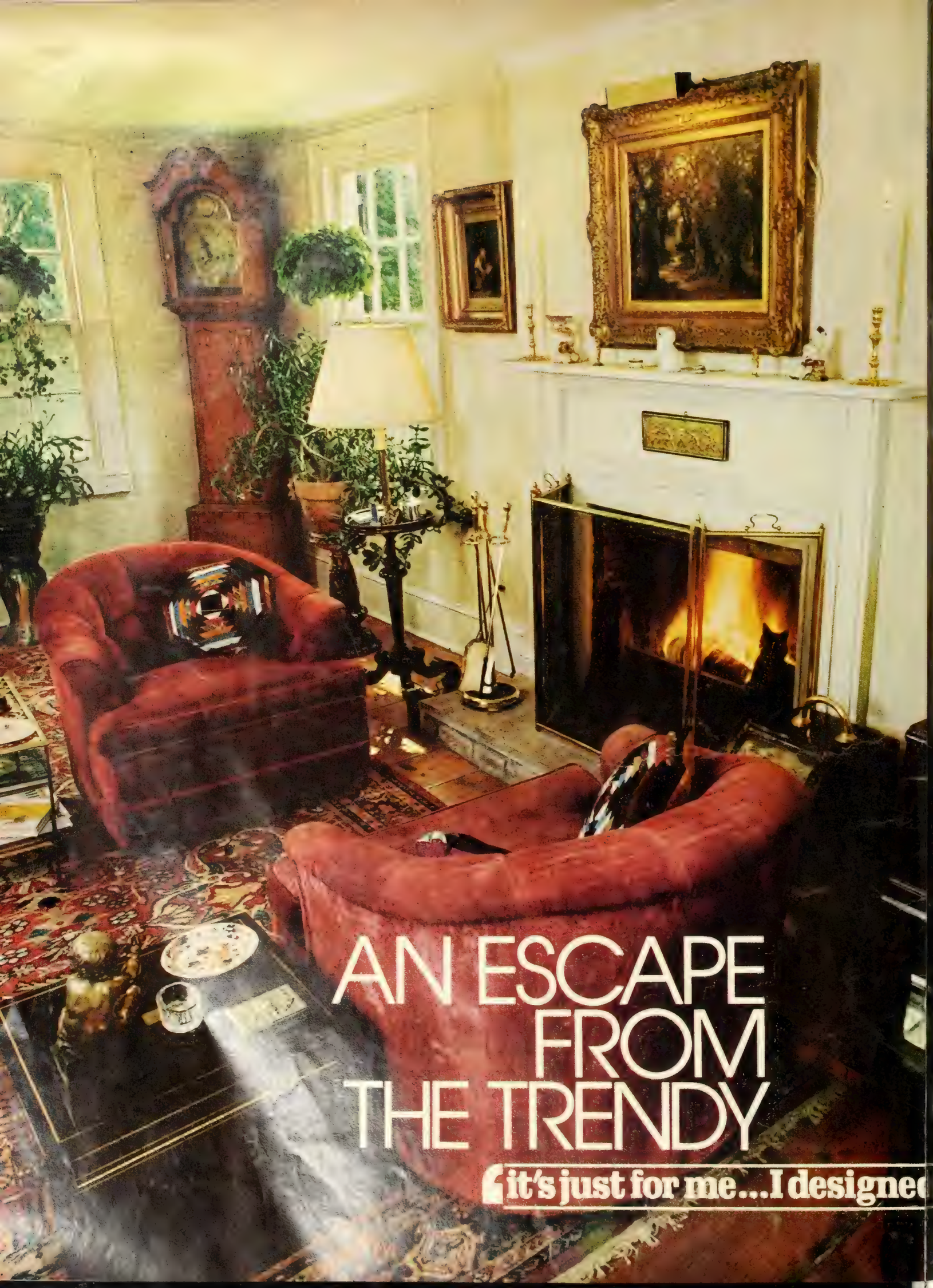
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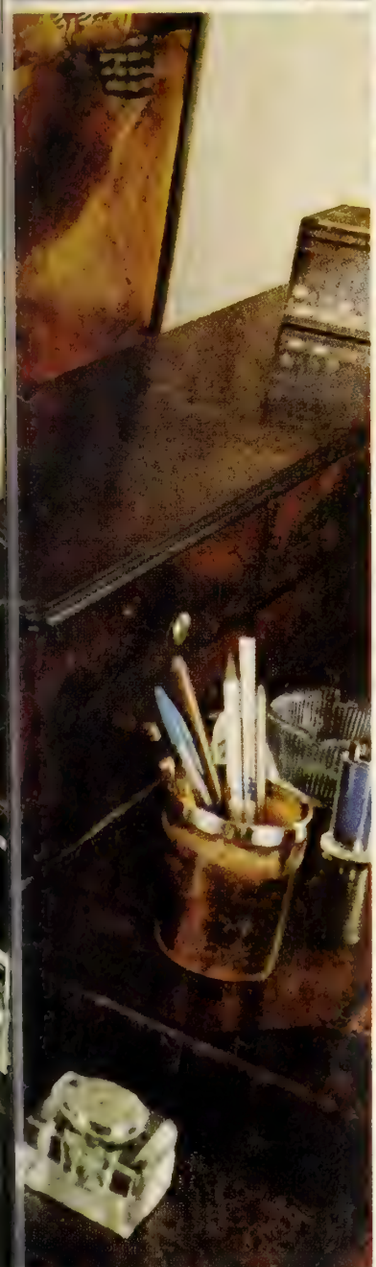
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Editor JACK MACURDY □ "I designed this house without a care for what anyone else would think. It's just for me," asserts Designer John Kent-Jackson, ASID Associate (*top center*). The Hudson Valley, N.Y., house, a Federal/Colonial-style structure (*bottom right*) built in 1828 for the town mill hands, is now a very personal statement for the British-born designer, "a careful blend of eclecticism with the major accent on comfort." **Typical is the living room fireside grouping, where two classic club chairs, in the warm shade of glowing embers, sit on an antique mahal carpet amid such rarities as an 18th-century Scottish grandfather clock and side tables adapted from a mahogany-and-brass humidor and a fretted brass "footman" stand, as well as a mantelful of small treasures** (*left*). These include two 18th-century Queen Anne candlesticks flanking a 19th-century German wood painting. The owl-motif painting beside the mantel is also executed on wood. For conversation or liqueurs or both, there's a comfortable mix of contemporary sofa and two antique chairs around a simple coffee table (*above*), conveniently near the antique gentleman's dressing cabinet now converted to house a complete bar and television set (*right center*). Since he is often working at home, in the windowed desk area warmed by the hearth, **"I created the study area from the original mill manager's office and combined it with the living area for more space."** Behind his 19th-century American Sheraton desk, a collection of American pressed glass and English Toby jugs is displayed in the window. "I like modern design, but find antiques are a cushion against the trendy and ephemeral. I need never change them. They stand the test of time."

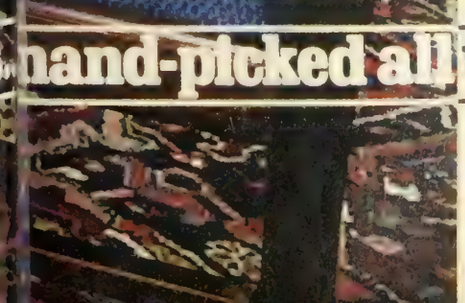
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John Kent-Jackson likes "to dine formally in a gracious ambiance, and I usually prefer no more than eight at dinner for comfort and conversation." And his dining room (*left*) is designed for just such dinner parties—an airy room warm with rich woods and a lush red-toned Bakshaish rug. With care, Kent-Jackson paired period with period: a 19th-century Sheraton dining table, simplest Queen Anne chairs, an American Federal corner cabinet, an Irish Regency buffet and an American brass-and-Quezelle chandelier. **"Through my travels, I have collected a conglomeration of antiques. The trick was to make it all harmonious," he notes.** "I could never duplicate this house for a client because I hand-picked all of the pieces." At this dinner for six (*above*), the table was set elegantly with his hand-embroidered





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Irish linen and a now-rare pattern of Staffordshire. **Less formal meals are often served in the greenhouse added onto the kitchen,** its skirted table (*right*) simpler but also evidence of the gracious style he so likes.


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"I USE THIS ROOM FOR MANY THINGS... FROM WORK TO TAKING IN THE VIEW"





"The view was our first consideration in designing this house," notes Carole Eichen. "Even the dining area was placed so that we could see the water. It's an ever-changing scene." Looking out over the living room and toward its arch-framed view, **the dining balcony is a study in simplicity with its traditional furnishings and paneled wall continuing the living room color notes** (*far left*). Earth tones dominate, too, in the bedroom that she shares with her husband, Robert Passavoy, president of Aer-O-Lite Draperies. It's a lively country setting previewed dramatically by a panel of stained glass at the entrance (*center left*). **"I use this room for many things," she says, "for coffee, for work, for relaxing and taking in the view."** Fittingly, it is divided into a carpeted area with king-sized bed quilted, draped and pillowed in cocoa gingham and a sitting/desk area by the windows, one step down, with exposed wood flooring modeled on that found in a century-old French farmhouse and tailored shades matched to bed hangings. **"I tried to make the bedroom a garden room," she adds—and, indeed, she has succeeded,** for greenery seems to spill from the giant baker's rack on one side to a windowed desk corner on the other (*near left*).



"I WANTED A MEDITERRANEAN LOOK"

"With beautiful weather all year round for dining and entertaining outdoors," notes Carole Eichen, "we often open the living room/patio doors and let guests wander in and out." **The broad waterfront patio has the romantic charm of a Venetian palazzo** (*above*). With a natural background of open sky and sail-dotted waters, she has created an intriguing setting, with floors paved in old bricking taken from fireplaces dismantled during renovation of the house and a weathered stone balustrade imported from Mexico. **"I wanted an old Mediterranean look here," she explains, and she has "aged it" properly.** Lacy wrought-iron dining table and chairs and an antique wagon filled with colorful flowers complete the luncheon setting awaiting her guests here.

"FOR ME, COOKING IS REALLY THERAPY"

Not only does Carole Eichen entertain, but she cooks as well —"as do both my children. For me, cooking on weekends is really therapy, a way to relax after a hectic week. **In my kitchen, I wanted the best equipment along with a country kitchen look."** To her, this meant the all-over use of those basic materials emphasized throughout the house: brick worked in decorative herringbone pattern for the walls and backsplash, Mexican tile floors, warm woods for the cabinets, butcher-block counters—all gathered under a stained glass dome designed to resemble a Tiffany shade (*near right*). **The result is a cozy contrast of modern conveniences here offset by warmth and color. The kitchen flows easily into a lively, distinctive dining nook** (*far right*) with an arched brick ceiling reminiscent of Romanesque design. "In order to curve that ceiling, we had to slice the bricks in half to make them pliable, then use the inside halves to get a uniform look." In this atmosphere, the tall antique cupboard with its display of crockery and an old-time scale—suspended from the ceiling and filled with ferns—seem right at home. **What wasn't antique was made to look that way,** as with the custom-made trestle table flanked by four ladder-back chairs. And with its seemingly time-patinaed look, it's both at home in the setting and a lively spot for casual entertaining or informal family meals and frequent gatherings.



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Editor JACK MACURDY ☐ "I like to create backgrounds, spaces for a client to breathe life into," explains New York Interior Designer Chuck Winslow (*left*). "Nothing pleases me more than decorating around a good art or book collection. In my apartment, you'll see paintings like the ones here by Stephen Mueller and some favorite treasures like the 17th-century bronze of a Brussels Griffon dog on my desk" (*lower left*). Samantha, one of the champion Brussels Griffon dogs Winslow breeds and shows, is fast asleep on an ottoman covered in another favorite, one of his kilim rugs. "I had a difficult time committing myself to any strong color in my apartment," Winslow adds. "What you'll see are earthy or neutral tones. On a given day I can change my mood by bringing in fresh fruit or flowers. Red lilies give me a red room." Basic to his philosophy, too, is the belief that a "room should look like it just happened, not worked at or over-decorated. I'm always rearranging and experimenting here." For his living room daybed, curtains and 18th-century Dutch chairs (*below*), the designer chose gray and camel flannel from Cenci, his own fabric and wallpaper house.

PORTRAIT, FELICIANO; INTERIORS, MARIS/SEMEL





Chuck Winslow likes to entertain a group of six for dinner. "I'll put out a loaf of bread and cut a boned leg of lamb right on the old worktable in the kitchen" (*above right*) and only "rarely" uses the dining foyer table (*left*), set here with antique Chinese plates, Baccarat crystal and blue water goblets. Winslow chose Cenci's "Foliage" design both for his tablecloth and for the bedroom wallpaper (*above*). Other Cenci designs in the apartment are "Naive," a quilted design on the seats of the Appalachian chairs in the dining foyer, "Billy's Stripe," in Belgian linen and cotton for bedroom curtains and "Joyce" and "Corbet" printed cottons on the chairs in his work area. The Paul Heroux sculpture shown in the dining area, called "Graffiti," is, he notes, "a marvelous conversation piece." Art by Stephen Mueller (above bed) and Ellsworth Kelly (on left wall of kitchen) are other artistic focal points. "I lead a very casual existence here," Winslow explains. "Decorator rules were meant to be broken but traffic should flow properly. In this way, you can't really separate interior design and architecture."

THE AMBIANCE IS CASUAL, YET FUNCTIONAL

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"Wales is steeped in romance... even our farmers write poetry—

Laura Ashley was born in a town called Merthyr Tydfil in the country that gave the world the Arthurian legend and every year relives the ancient Eisteddfod, a tournament of poetry and original song. "Absolutely, I'm a romantic," she says. "Wales is so steeped in romance—even our farmers write poetry, and in Welsh!" These romantic fabric patterns are her poetry—and she explains the discipline of their controlled configurations by adding, "It's heroic to marry and stay with someone until you die —that's romantic, but it calls for discipline." The Ashleys have

legends abound —in the countryside around and in her own nostalgic prints

been married and working as a team for 22 years and there's a mutual determination implicit in their present success. "The first five years were a financial struggle. I thought we'd have to give up but I wouldn't be the one to suggest it, so we grew our own vegetables and used our goats for milk and kept trying." Bernard built their first printing machine in 1954, a second in 1956. Today their five factories in Wales, England and Holland can barely fill the orders coming in from all over the world.





This "disciplined romanticism" also colors the Rhydoldog bedrooms, which are furnished in English and Welsh country oak and traditional Welsh quilts from the Ashleys' collection. The wallcovering and draperies in one are in "Bonny Dundee" in Welsh blue *(left)*, the same pattern seen again in heather mauve on the chair. "Glenartney" in blue skirts the night table. Another room *(below and on the cover)* is hung with "Monan's Rill" in a rosy carmine. Cushions are patchworked of Ashley fabrics, furniture 19th-century Welsh. Over the hearth—a traditional Welsh tapestry made by families to commemorate the return of men from war.



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"We've never had a meal by television ... it's something we've never considered"

Laura doesn't think of possessions as being sacred—"I could just as soon go off with a pack on my back if the family were with me." But she loves her Welsh furniture and finds her silver odds and ends pleasing to her eye in terms of color and design. Though they may be off on their own during the day—the children roving the mountains, Laura and Bernard in the offices—they all join together for dinner in the dining room at a generous round table *(above)*. "We've never had a meal by television—that's something we've never considered." The broad windows, overlooking a bank of azaleas, a sheep meadow and Druidic forests, are curtained in "Monan's Rill." This fantasy of trees, flowers, birds and beasts that never were is in heather mauve, the same fabric used for the fitted, welted table cloth. The square overcloth is a tiny sprigged floral called "Guinevere." China is by Denby. Table and trestle table are early 19th-century pine but the rush-seated chairs are stoutly modern. "The men are rather heavy around here," says Laura, "and I was afraid antique chairs would be dangerous for them." Significantly, Laura Ashley is more concerned for the people than she is for the furniture.

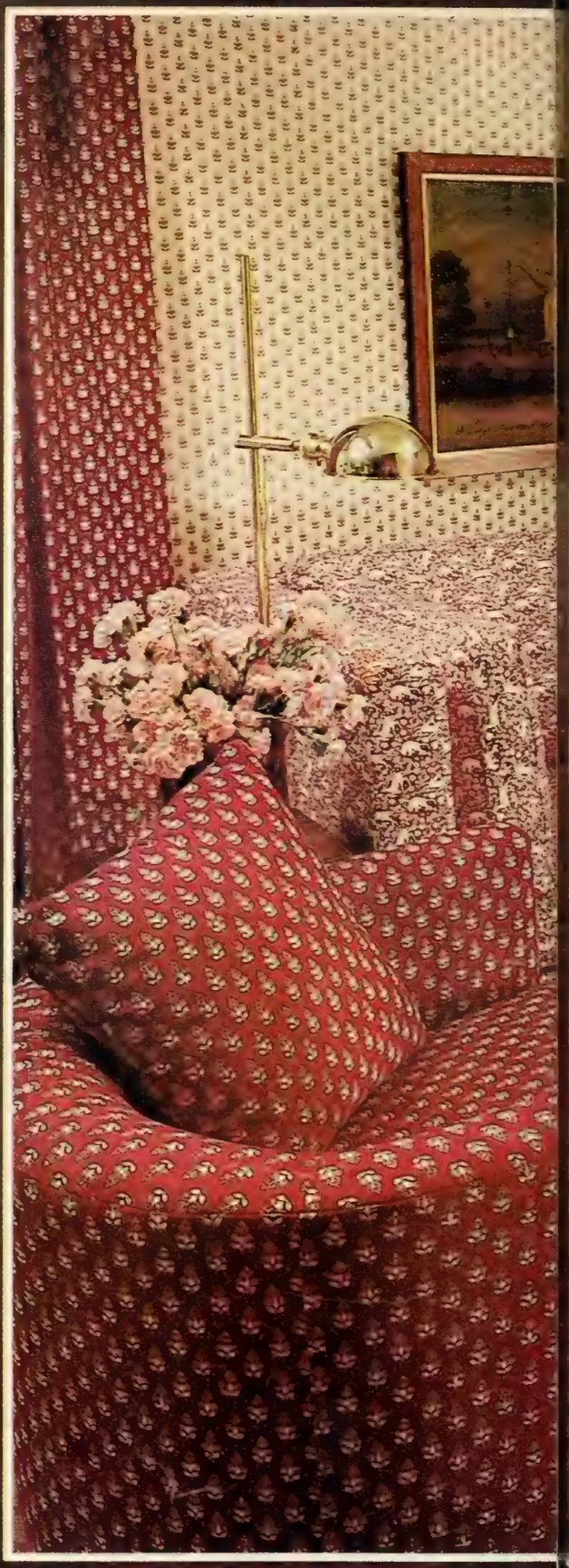


and now—in fabric and wallpaper—Laura

Laura Ashley's design dreams have traveled well across the Atlantic. See their congenial fitness in the pleasant town house of Ms. Jeanne Butler in Old Town Alexandria, Va. In the living room (*right*), the wall-covering is "Bonny Dundee" in a positive print of carmine on white, while draperies, laminated window shades and chair covering are of the same pattern in reverse color. Loveseat is covered in the carmine version of "Romanie Forest," a surprisingly intricate, fanciful pattern shown in Kensington green in a close-up swatch (*lower right*) and on an ottoman. All furniture by Flair. In a sitting room (*below*), "Bonny Dundee" patterns the walls and draperies. "Swansea" in Canterbury red and white covers a Hibriten wing chair, drapes the table and sheathes the window shade. The rich detail of "Swansea" is revealed in the thistle green swatch (*below*). Like all patterns in this collection, it blends smoothly as cream with all the other patterns. Rugs by Saxony. Shades from Window Shade Manufacturers Association. All the wallcoverings in this new collection are washable, paper-backed vinyl, printed in inks specially formulated to match the Ashley palette.







Her designs, Laura says, are an expansion of her own private dream world. Study the close-up swatches here and you get a sense of the romantic recollection that surely inspired them. "Swansea" (*left above*) floats swans on an idyllic, swirling lake of reeds and water lilies, a setting for a tale of Camelot. "Monan's Rill" (*right above*) is a never-never-land forest of birds, beasties and foliage conjured up as if by an ancient Merlin. Fawns leap and panthers skulk through flowering trees of "Romanie Forest" (*far right*), a reminder of a medieval tapestry. All are concepts touched with enchantment and seem to distill the essence of Welsh countryside and the legend of The Mabinogion.

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"Everyone has a private dream world... these designs are an expansion of mine"

Ashley designs for the American home



This collection, launched in America by Raintree Designs, includes 11 cotton prints, 54 inches wide, and 15 wallcoverings in five colors, sold in department stores. But there's another facet to Laura Ashley's Atlantic crossing: McCall Pattern Co. duplicates some of her famous country-look dress designs and Cohama Fabrics is reproducing a collection of her dress fabric designs. The dress below is Pattern No. 4546 in a fabric called "Wild Cherry," both the style and cloth capturing the "farm girl" look.

the Ashley look: in dreamy, nostalgic motifs for your house and in pretty dress patterns and fabrics to sew for yourself



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"My motifs are for a quiet life"

"Whatever inspires me," says Laura Ashley, "must be touched with nostalgia, but the end result must have a controlled feeling. My motifs are for a quiet life." The control is in her own disciplined artistry, which gives all her patterns, even the most intricately drawn, a spatial regularity that makes them at first glance seem so simple, even tailored—a quality men are as comfortable with as women are. Bernard is the business head of their enterprise—"He runs it like an army. I'm in charge of tactics; he's in charge of strategy"—so that Laura is particularly aware of masculine reaction to her designs. "I hope a man doesn't enter a room and say, 'This is decorated for a woman.'" Similarly, she seems to invest her nostalgic patterns with a fresh old-fashionedness that, like her dress designs, appeals to the young as well as to the not-so-young. See this universal design quality in close-up (*upper left*): wallcoverings of "Monan's Rill" in Canterbury red and "Caledonia," a tower-and-thistle motif in Welshpool blue, above a fabric length of "Monan's Rill" in a negative print of Canterbury red on white. The same pattern in a negative print of blue covers the Flair ottoman (*left*) and dramatizes how a change in color can change the effect of a pattern. Another visual phenomenon: each separate pattern on its own is a decided individual, but none is overly dominant when it is used in a pattern mix.





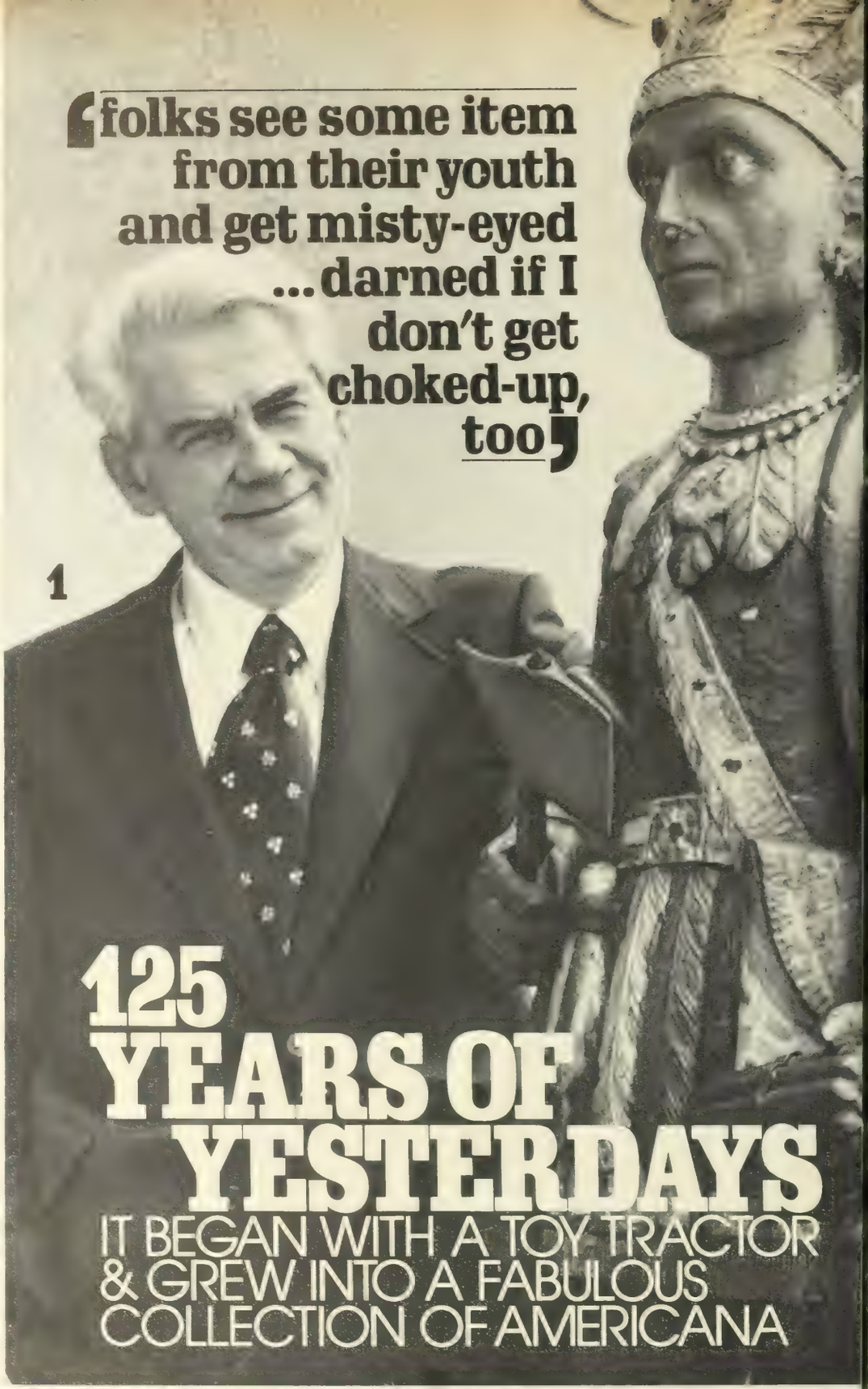
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Ragpicking is, admittedly, an unusual avocation, but in the case of Jerry Smith, a Kansas City auto dealer, it has been the means of turning cast-offs to riches for his favorite children's charities. "I guess it all stems from the Christmas I was six. I had gone through the Sears Roebuck catalog and made up a long list, directed to the 'Urgent Attention of Santa Claus.' When all I got was a 25-cent Arcade Fordson cast-iron toy farm tractor, I blamed Santa, the tightwad, for the skinniest Christmas I ever had."

Twenty-five years later, his sister-in-law, an antique dealer, found a tractor that was identical and gave it to him, along with three other old farm toys. That was all it took. Jerry Smith was off and running—or, as he would say, "rummaging. You start in the more obvious antique and junk shops. Then you go to private farm sales. You follow up grapevine leads from other collectors. Every old box of junk is irresistible. I've always collected what most people, at the time, considered junk. But this 'junk' reflects the era from which it came all the more because it so truthfully mirrors life among the working classes. I guess I've become the self-appointed keeper of the nitty-gritty. I don't consider myself a connoisseur. Most collectors specialize, but I'm just a ragpicker who loves the good, square, honest look of old things. Folks see some item from their youth and get misty-eyed—darned if I don't get all choked up, too."

And for a man who believes you don't get ahead, you *give* ahead, and if you want happiness, you've got to give it, this unending quest for American memorabilia has, in some 25 years, turned into a collection of some 13,000 pieces, valued at around $2 million. Although his collection is of finest museum quality, he has chosen instead "to return it to the people, to individuals who will love each piece as I have." And so the Jerry Smith Collection is up for sale in Hall's Crown Center store, with certain proceeds earmarked for Kansas City's Children's Mercy Hospital. The 27 items here are shown in and around Hall's Crown Center, itself a triumph over blighted Signboard Hill, and at Missouri Town 1855, just outside of Kansas City. (All items are subject to prior sale.) □ *By* ELVIN McDONALD

(**1**) Jerry Smith's cigar store Indian friend still bears rope burns around his neck as the result of a hanging by Halloween pranksters more than 50 years ago. No one knows what happened to the Indian's original nose but "the replacement was such a botch job" that Smith whittled a new one the night he brought him home. $5,500. (**2**) In 1932, a new Buick sold for around $900. Today, the toy model, photographed on a 1936 Ford coupe, is valued at $1,500. (**3**) Cast-iron bell toys like this one, Two Clowns on a Donkey, were the precursors of today's wheeled noisemakers that every little child pulls around until he's old enough to manipulate more sophisticated toys (or until the parents go mad). $2,500. (**4**) A rocking chicken, fresh from the farm, homecrafted and possibly one of a kind. $125. (**5**) This copper cow once was a weather vane; 38 inches long. $1,000. (**6**) The farm boy in Jerry Smith still drives this Fordson tractor like the one that started him collecting. $150 (if you have a field to cultivate, the disc is $35). (**7**) Solid farm folk from eastern Ohio or western Pennsylvania? The territory's right, but not the occupation. Wood-carved, painted severe and shiny, they traveled as medicine show shills. $12,000.





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(**8**) This old cigar store Indian is from down New Orleans way, and one of Jerry Smith's finest. "Notice the strong facial features and how the wood and original coloring remain in perfect condition." $6,000. (**9**) Jerry Smith's earliest memory of flying was of the biplanes "that would never get very high and would come wobbling in for a landing I thought they'd never make." This Kingsbury model is $180. (**10**) The power for Andy Gump's speedy old roadster came from an inexhaustible source: the countless children of another generation who put-put-ed the cartoon character to new flights of fantasy. $600. (**11**) Old carousel horses don't get let out to pasture, they go on exciting steeplechases, or should we now say skyscraperchases? About $450 each. (**12**) The tobacco industry's original flip-top packaging—canisters that bore their own warning: "Every person is cautioned under penalties of law not to use this package for tobacco again." Now take that folks, and if you do buy one of these ($10-25), keep what's legal inside, okay? (**13**) The Empire State is pulling into Victoria Station, Track 1. Train, $165; station, by Ives, $500. (**14**) Everybody knew the sign of the Calumet Indian (carved walnut; $6,500) meant that a store sold staple goods, the big cans of Calumet's baking powder, for example. Now $10. (**15**) Cast-iron banks with moving parts were set into motion by depositing a coin. This one's more subtle: Place a coin in the right hand and it disappears into the left pocket. Tammany Bank, as it was called, pocketed five coins as we photographed. $150, with our 26 cents inside it. (**16**) Stores once displayed threads in such sensible cabinets as this Merrick one. Glass sides permitted a look-see but kept goods all back-East fresh. $395.

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(**17**) Gone is the child who might have loved this tricycle, but the tricycle itself has stood the test of time. It might even take a spin, given the right push by a couple of young feet. Great to display on a pedestal. $95. (**18**) Could it be Bette Davis and Joan Crawford in another epic? (But who would pull whom?) Two dolls, in ready-to-travel rigs, with a gig, $1,500. (**19**) If you'd attended the 1895 World's Fair, this is the butter churn you would have decided to buy because it was a prize winner. $285. (**20**) Acquisition of a wind toy today sounds like buying a private plane, but in a more naive era, the description meant something really quite different. This one has characters who sing, dance and play a banjo—all timed to the varied rhythms and whims of the wind. $750. (**21**) This funny old two-engine biplane is reported to have flown better for our photograph than it did even before retirement some years ago. You can land it for $65. (**22**) Could it be that Calder forgot something? If this is his sled, it has original artwork on the seat and sleek runners that curve into the shape of a swan's head. Altogether, a rather likely sled for any artist, we'd say. $250. (**23**) Like the cigar-store Indian, this old symbol once had immediate recognition—and it clearly signaled the location of a barbershop. Would a unisex shop put out a barber pole? It might—for a range of prices from $100 to $1,000. (**24**) and (**25**) Barney Google and Spark Plug will head your way in wood and cloth for $350, or all ready to wind up in tin for $450. (**26**) Monkeys don't hang from trees, they ride velocipedes, at least according to this old miniature in cast-iron by Stevens. $950. (**27**) Everything's up to date in Kansas City—with just one exception. Who keeps parking this old 52-inch 1887 high-wheeler in the up-to-date rack out in front of Hall's Crown Center store? Obviously, as we all now know, it's from the Jerry Smith Collection. The registration (and the bike) can be yours for a price of $1,500.


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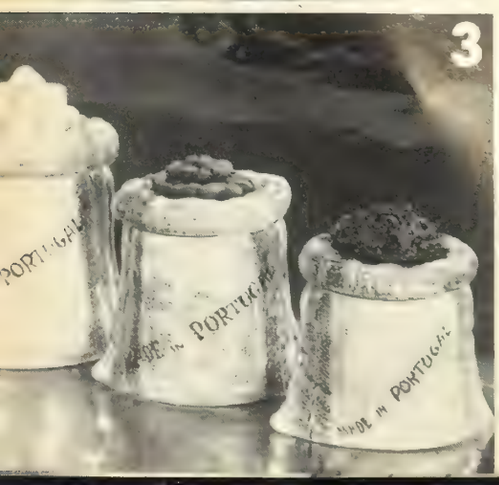
summertime surprises for your favorite weekend hostess —all under $25

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Editor SUSAN GROSSMAN □ It can be a little treasure to keep forever or a useful pleasure to enjoy in the immediate present. But when you see it, you know it's the perfect gift . . . and perhaps it's one of the suggestions you'll find on these four pages. All prices are subject to change but everything is under $25. (**1**) Nostalgic Art Nouveau writing paper is printed in navy ink on melon, design from "The Book of Ruth," London, 1896. Set of 24 sheets and envelopes, $4 at The Gift Shop of The Metropolitan Museum of Art. A caviar-style tin contains one pound of caviar-shaped mints, $8.50 at Ffolio 72. (**2**) This cork frame with mitered edges and Plexiglas face is about $10 at Bonwit Teller. "Green Thumb" earthenware flowerpot and holder, $12.50 at Bergdorf Goodman. Ernest Trova's blue-and-red Trovascope has silhouetted figures inside, is ready to mail in a silver tube, $10 at The Museum of Modern Art. (**3**) A trio of porcelain canisters, all shaped like burlap sacks, enameled on top with sugar ($13.50), coffee ($11.50) and tea ($9.50) designs. All at Marco Polo. (**4**) Hand-crafted offerings at Saks: picture frames of woven rattan and burnt bamboo, $12 for five by seven-inch opening; $10 for 3½-inch square. Fragrant potpourri fills a three-inch-diameter straw basket woven with black, red and green threads, $15.50 at Henri Bendel. (**5**) Mugs are $16 a set of four at Bonwit Teller. The silver leaf-shaped spoon/straw/stirrer is $7.25 at Tiffany's. Elisa Daggs' pearlized plastic coasters are styled from Monte Carlo's "Cercle Privé" gambling chips, $14 a set at Bergdorf Goodman and Neiman Marcus. (**6**) Shiny Mexican crafts modeled after Oaxaca patterns: tin bread basket, $10; pair of candlesticks, $12.50. Both from The Horchow Collection. (**7**) Serve a half-pound of fresh spiced walnuts from a white porcelain container, $15 at Plumbridge; pass a squirrel-handled pewter nutcracker, $20 at Cartier. (**8**) Onion, eggplant and peapod potholders are $3.50 each at Marco Polo. (**9**) Two-cup white teapot, $15 at Jenny B. Goode. Green frog sugar bowl and spoon, $9.50, and creamer, $6.50, are Italian-imported porcelain, at Marco Polo. Napkins designed by Gloria Vanderbilt for Paperworks are sold in packages of six for $5.50, at Saks. (**10**) For salads: 26 ounces of Fauchon's dressing, 5 ounces Old Reserve Bordeaux wine vinegar, 16 ounces French olive oil and a crock of mustard with seeds, all in a canvas bag, $23 at Saks. Grating set and attachments, $7.50, The Horchow Collection. (**11**) Boda "Picnic" beer glasses, two for $17, at Rosenthal Studio-Haus. Beehive candle in straw-like basket is $5 at Bergdorf Goodman. Paper mats, and two sizes of napkins by Gloria Vanderbilt, $5.50 in service for 12, at Saks. (**12**) Red or blue bandannas with rocket sours are $8 at Plumbridge. (**13**) Jars at Bergdorf Goodman's with laminated cookies, $25, or jelly beans or nuts, $22.50 each.

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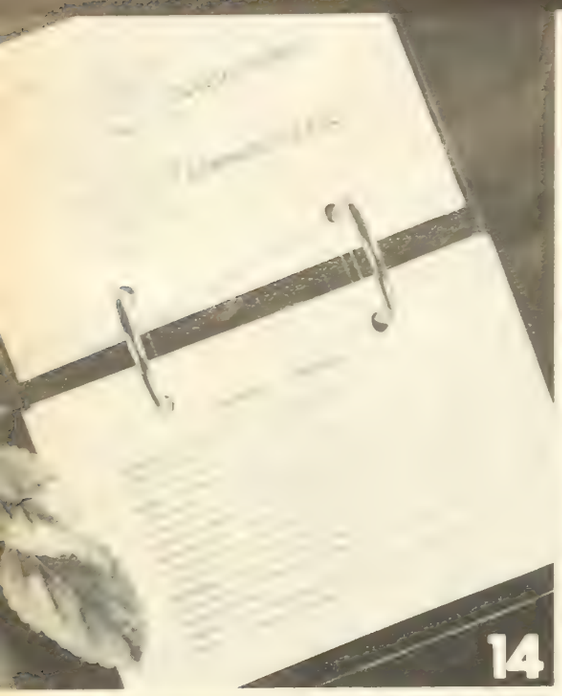


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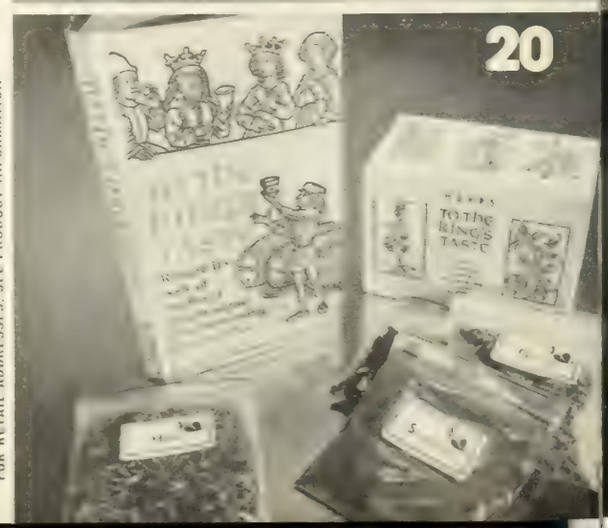


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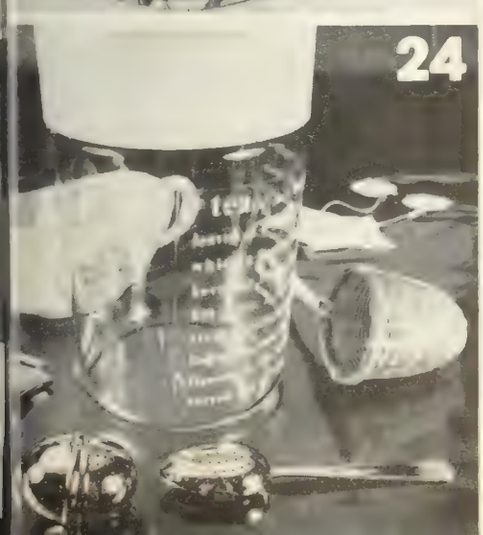
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HOW TO EAT COOL OUR BEAUTIFUL WAY

By HELEN McCULLY ☐ **When the temperature reaches stratospheric heights, there is, we suspect, a very strong temptation to give up eating rather than cope with cooking hot meals in a hot kitchen over a hot stove. In an effort to make your summer cooking as simple and as cool as possible, we give you a splendid collection of recipes that includes soups, hors d'oeuvres, salads, one smashing entrée and four fabulous desserts—all of which both "cook easy" and "eat cool" beautifully.**

RUTH BATEMAN'S CHILLED CARROT BISQUE*

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 whole cloves
- ¼ teaspoon coriander seeds, crushed
- 1½ pounds carrots, scrubbed and sliced about ¼ inch thick (about 3 cups)
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon sugar
- 2½ cups chicken broth, your own or canned condensed
- Freshly ground white pepper to taste
- 1 cup half-and-half (milk and cream)
- Garnish: Minced chives or parsley

Combine butter, cloves and coriander seeds in a deep saucepan. Add the carrots, chicken broth, salt, sugar and several twists of the pepper mill. Cover, bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer and cook until the carrots are very tender—about 10 to 15 minutes. Pour about half the soup into the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade or into the container of the electric blender. Blend to a smooth purée, then purée the remainder.

Combine the two purées with the half-and-half, seal with Saran and chill in the refrigerator for several hours or overnight. Just before serving, stir the soup. If it seems too thick, add some cream, then taste for seasoning. You may find it needs both salt and pepper, since chilling minimizes flavors. Serve in chilled soup cups garnished with chives or parsley. Serves four to six.

*Adapted from *The Zucchini and Carrot Cookbook*, by Ruth Conrad Bateman (Ward-Ritchie Press), published this month.

MUSHROOM VICHYSSOISE

- 1 pound fresh button mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
- 1 bunch green onions
- 2 large boiling potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1½ cans (10½-ounce size) chicken broth
- 2 cups milk
- Salt
- Freshly ground white pepper
- 1 cup *crème fraîche*

Wipe the mushroom caps with a clean damp cloth. Break off the stems. Slice caps and stems fairly thin. Take a large skillet. Add the oil and mushrooms and sauté for one minute. Cover and simmer three minutes, stirring occasionally. Pick out 12 mushroom slices to use as a garnish when you serve the soup. Wrap in foil and refrigerate until serving time.

Spoon mushrooms into the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade and process to a smooth purée. Or purée, a few at a time, in the blender with some of the broth. Set aside.

Meanwhile, cut the root ends off the onions, then chop, using only about half of the green stems. Mince the remaining stems. Combine the potatoes and onions in a heavy saucepan with the broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are just tender—about 10 minutes. Drain, reserving the broth. Purée the vegetables in the food processor or in the blender (with some of the soup). Combine mushrooms, puréed vegetables, broth and milk in a large bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Beat in the *crème fraîche*. Taste again for seasoning; correct if necessary, then seal with Saran and refrigerate. Ladle into soup cups. Garnish with mushrooms and minced onion tops. Makes 2 quarts or enough soup to serve about 12.

CHEF ANDRÉ SOLTNER'S TERRINE D'ECREVISSES

(Terrine of Crayfish)

SAUCE EN SALADE

(Salad Sauce)

Le patron of New York's four-star Lutèce, Alsatian-born Soltner has the distinction of being the only chef established outside of France who has received the coveted *Meilleur Ouvrier de France*. This delicious terrine, an original creation, typifies his talent.

- 1 pound sole, cut up,* or pike
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Several twists of white pepper
- Juice of 1 lemon, strained
- 4 egg whites
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2 pounds freshly cooked crayfish** or shrimp, shelled

Butter a four- to five-cup terrine, then line with baking parchment and butter the parchment. Set aside.

Combine the fish, salt, pepper and lemon juice in the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade. Process to a smooth purée. Add the egg whites and process again.

Gradually add the cream, turning the processor on and off. Do not over-process or the cream will turn to butter. Pour into a bowl and fold in the crayfish or shrimp with a rubber spatula. Spoon into the prepared mold and smooth the surface. Place in a baking pan and add enough very hot water from the tap to reach to half the depth of the mold. Bake in a preheated 250° oven for 1¾ hours. Refrigerate in terrine overnight.

Turn out on a suitable serving platter. Remove and discard the parchment paper. Garnish with a bouquet of watercress.

*Cut each sole fillet in half lengthwise, following the strip of little bones down the center. Pull off and discard the bones.

**You'll find that 18 to 20 crayfish weigh about one pound.

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Sauce en Salade:

- 1 cup mayonnaise, preferably homemade
- 1 cup *crème fraîche*
- 10 to 12 sprigs parsley, minced
- 5 to 6 leaves fresh tarragon, minced, or 1 small teaspoon dried, crumbled
- 2 ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and cut into small cubes

Mix all the ingredients together, then taste to see if you need salt. Spoon into a serving bowl and serve with the terrine.

SMOKED SALMON MOUSSE

- 1 pound Nova Scotia smoked salmon
- 4 to 5 large shallots, crushed and peeled
- ½ cup *crème fraîche*
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- Juice of 1 lemon, strained
- ½ cup boiling water
- 2 envelopes unflavored gelatine

Cut the salmon into chunks. Add shallots. Place in bowl of electric food processor with

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Maxime McKendry entertains

IT ALL HAPPENS IN

This article is the first in a monthly series in which House Beautiful will showcase innovative hosts and hostesses and the manner in which they entertain. It is produced and written by Carmine Porcelli, himself an inventive and inveterate host. A native New Yorker, Porcelli is a freelance fashion designer and interior design consultant who also finds time to conduct cooking classes in his own home.

By CARMINE PORCELLI □ "Put other people at ease"—so simple, yet so often overlooked—that's Maxime McKendry's basic approach to entertaining. And at your ease is exactly how you feel as you are sitting at the dinner table of this remarkable woman, known professionally as Maxime de la Falaise. Daughter of the late Sir Oswald Birley and Lady Birley, the English-born Mrs. McKendry —ex-model, former countess, fashion designer—never hesitates to break a conventional rule while playing the role of hostess. Her dining area is actually part of her kitchen, yet the milieu is one of great style and taste. And ease and comfort, hallmarks of true hospitality, come across most strongly.

As a child vacationing in the French countryside, Maxime McKendry would sit in the kitchen savoring the warmth of a fire and the aroma of good food and plan teas with a tiny set of china. "My way of entertaining emanates from that French farmhouse," she says, and so it does—reflecting a time when one room, the kitchen, was where everything happened. And at Maxime McKendry's, it all still happens in the kitchen.

Food is always simple and basic, like the menu given here—prosciutto and melon to begin, then a fish stew, followed by a dessert of Poires au Gratin.

"I plan my dinners according to my dishwasher," she quips. Her philosophy: never too many courses, never too much cleaning up, always plenty of time for her guests. "Who," she asks, "wants to look at an exhausted hostess?" So she cooks almost all of her food in advance, allowing time to bathe, dress and create a relaxed and easy mood. The meal is reheated while she enjoys a glass of white wine with her guests. "The flavor of most foods improves with reheating," she states.

Mrs. McKendry doesn't believe in spending too much time over drinks or pre-meal snacks. Rather, she believes in "getting right to the heart of the evening," which is sitting down at the table where the conversation is as tempting as the food. She loves unconventional seating, identifying the talkers, not the gender. "And who cares about an even number of men and women? As long as the conversation is ripping and no two mates are seated together to kill a story for the other, that's all that matters." She usually selects a "daddy" to help her serve at the table, a delightful and amusing way to insure that a new or shy guest becomes an important part of the dinner.

Everyone leaving Maxime McKendry's home feels completely nourished in every way. It may be "farmhouse" to the hostess, but to her guests, such as Nan Kempner, herself a noted hostess, "It's magic! Sparkling conversation, imaginative food, a treat to all the senses." Adds actress friend Sylvia Miles, another who's shared her table, "It's *the* best evening out! Terrific food and good company."

Maxime McKendry's entertaining style is ideal for her busy life. Whatever her current activity, dress designing or writing, she always seems to be right in the middle of planning a dinner. "I never plan



Bright, merry, vivacious—the words describe both the cook (left) *and her table* (below and center right), *actually two tables in T shape. The silver and "Fiesta" plates are auction finds from the old ship* Caronia.



Maxime McKendry's Aioli (top) *is cooked ahead, arranged on the platter for re-heating and serving. Her wines are often stacked in this big clay pot from Tony's Flower Store.*



THE KITCHEN







more than a week in advance. I'm not that pretentious."

At times, the meal is elegant and elaborate, perhaps with recipes taken from her own cookbook or from one of her rare 15th- and 16th-century cookbooks. On other nights she may serve a very simple supper, but ever so

Melon and Prosciutto Maison
Aioli
(Fish Stew)
French Bread Butter
DRY WHITE WINE
Poires au Gratin
COFFEE

clever. "If I run late, I may take individual baskets, fill them with a sandwich, fruit, cheese and cookies, and wrap each in a napkin. I wish more people would try this."

Before any dinner party, Maxime McKendry "always takes time for a dress rehearsal," and this includes taping notes to cookware to remind her when to reheat or serve a particular dish.

Maxime McKendry's "farmhouse approach" is a style of individuality with warmth. It sets her apart as an extraordinary hostess, and one for you to remember when you have qualms planning your own dinner party. (Recipes begin on page 72)

An intriguing old cabinet (left) holds spices—and intriguing antique cookbooks. When guests arrive, the hostess (right) is ready to join the lively talk that marks evenings at Maxime's.

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THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF

COOKING WITH WATER

By JACQUES PEPIN □ There is a secret ingredient everlasting and present in most recipes—water. A good and generous and free ingredient, water gives moisture, texture and juiciness to the food. It is often responsible for enhancing the natural taste, therefore a giver that does not alter or take away from the food.

When making long-reducing stocks or sauces, water is the medium controlling the end result. It's the medium since (take the example of a plain beef stock) the bones have to cook a good six hours to release all the taste and nutrients necessary for a good sauce—and water is the recipient of the outcome. During the cooking, you will have to add water regularly to compensate for the evaporation. How much water you add is immaterial, providing the stock is cooked long enough to give the quantity suggested in the recipe. If, for argument's sake, the yield is supposed to be two quarts, and is only 1½ quarts, the addition of water will bring it to proper consistency and taste. Plus, if result is three quarts, reduction will bring it to correct strength.

Water is paramount in deglazing solidified juices. When roasting a chicken, for example, the accumulated liquid in the roasting pan will consist of fat and encrustations. Pour off most of the fat, add water, bring the mixture to a boil to melt the solidified encrustations and you will have a delicious natural gravy. If too much water has been added, reduce to the right consistency. One may be indiscriminate when adding water because it is so easy to correct. It is not the case when deglazing with stock or, especially, wines or liquors because they add flavor to the drippings. If, for example, too much wine is added, the juices will be acidic and watery. On the other hand, if the mixture is reduced, it will become strong and overpowering, concealing the natural taste of the meat. Unfortunately, all too often, in bad French cooking, wine is added in quantities that are much too large—a practice of indifferent and careless cooks.

Often recipes will say to cook onions for so many minutes "without browning." If you want to fry chopped onions in butter until they are cooked, translucent and not browned, add water and boil until the water has evaporated completely. At that time, if the onions are not cooked, add more water and continue to boil until all the liquid has again evaporated. When the mixture starts to sizzle, you know evaporation is concluded. The onions will be transparent, tender and still white. The water will not have added any flavor of its own to the onions but will have helped the cooking process. The butter remains.

Fresh vegetables are enhanced most when steamed or cooked in a minimal amount of water. The cooking is fast, inexpensive and faithful to the original product. The easiest, simplest cooking has to be exact and it is often the most delicate because there is no sauce or complicated concoction to hide behind. Never cover green vegetables, cooked in water or steamed.

So-called knowledgeable chefs turn up their noses at water. They feel uninformed unless they deglaze with ultra-reduced stocks, rich *xérès* (sherry), Madeira, Cognac or deep Burgundy wine. This, of course, doesn't show any comprehension of food, but a rather snobbish, pretentious attitude. Patrons would be surprised to know that, more often than not, mediocre dishes served in supposedly good restaurants are caused by an excess of "goodies," instead of by a lack of them. Ignorant chefs often confuse quantity and quality.

As Curnonsky correctly said, "Good cooking is when the food has the taste of what it is." Water is the best ally to follow that wise precept successfully. ■

FOOD

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the steel blade. Then purée until you have a smooth mixture. Add the *crème fraîche* and *mayonnaise*. Turn the processor on and off a couple of times.

Combine the lemon juice and boiling water in a small saucepan. Sprinkle with the gelatine. Place over low heat, then stir until dissolved. Stir this into the salmon mixture.

Cover the bottom of a four- to five-cup baking dish or mold with baking parchment. Spoon the fish mixture into the dish, smooth the surface. Seal with Saran. Refrigerate until firm.

Fish aspic:

1½ cups clam juice*
1 cup water
1 cup dry white wine
1 medium yellow onion, peeled and sliced thin
6 parsley stalks
1½ envelopes unflavored gelatine

Combine all the ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Strain. Return to heat. Cook down to 2 cups. Sprinkle gelatine over broth. Place over low heat. Stir it until dissolved. It may need salt or pepper.

To finish the mousse: Run a knife around the edge of the mousse and turn it out onto a suitable serving platter. Discard the baking parchment.

Refrigerate the aspic until it is syrupy. Spoon a layer over the mousse. Refrigerate it for about 10 minutes or until the layer of jelly has almost set. Repeat the process about three times or until you have built up a coating of jelly almost ⅛ of an inch thick. It will be necessary to melt a small amount of the aspic each time. Then refrigerate until it is almost set. Spoon over the mousse.

Take any remaining aspic and pour into a pan to a depth of about ½ inch. Chill until set. Then cut into diamond shapes and surround the mousse.

Serve with toast points as an hors d'oeuvre.

*Or a strong fish broth.

LONI KUHN'S* MARINATED MUSHROOMS

An inspired idea for the cocktail hour or as an important addition to the buffet table, these keep two weeks refrigerated.

1½ white button mushrooms, about one inch in diameter
1 cup dry white wine
1 large lemon, thinly sliced
2 cups olive oil
1 tablespoon Tabasco
½ cup chopped green onion bulbs
2 garlic cloves, crushed, peeled and minced
3 tablespoons salt
2 whole cloves
Several twists of black pepper
2 bay leaves
8 to 10 parsley sprigs, minced

Break the stems off the mushrooms and set aside to make some soup. With a fresh damp cloth, wipe the mushroom caps.

Combine all remaining ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Add the mushroom caps. Mix again, cover and refrigerate for at least 48 hours. To serve the mushrooms, drain and serve on toothpicks.

*For information on her cooking classes plus her newsletter, *Cook's Tour*, write to Mrs. Loni Kuhn, 91 Commonwealth Ave., San Francisco 94117.

MEXICAN CHICKEN WITH GREEN SAUCE

8 *suprêmes* (boned chicken breasts)
Lemon juice (about ½ lemon)
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
8 tablespoons butter (1 stick)
1 12-ounce can green tomatoes,* drained
1 small white onion, peeled, coarsely chopped
3 hot chili peppers* (one four-ounce can) or to taste
1 clove garlic, crushed, peeled
6 sprigs fresh coriander
1½ cups *crème fraîche*
2 pimientos, julienned
10 to 12 black, pitted olives, thinly sliced

Dip the *suprêmes* in the lemon juice and sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Heat *5 tablespoons of the butter* in a saucepan. Turn the *suprêmes* over in the butter, then arrange in a roasting pan large enough to accommodate them all flat. Add any remaining butter or lemon juice. Place a piece of waxed paper on top of the chicken. Then seal the pan with heavy-duty foil. Cook in a preheated 400° oven for six minutes or until the chicken springs back when touched. Take care not to overcook or the meat will be tough. Drain all the juices from the pan and reserve. Refrigerate the breasts until cold.

Combine the green tomatoes, onion, peppers, garlic and coriander in the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade or in the electric blender. Purée until fairly fine. Combine with the *crème fraîche* and the reserved pan juices, mixing well. Taste for seasoning.

Arrange the chilled chicken breasts on a serving platter. Cover each with a coating of the sauce. Garnish with the pimiento strips and with black olives. Pour all the remaining sauce into a sauce bowl. Garnish it, too, with a little pimiento and some sliced olives. Serve to six or eight.

*Whole green Spanish tomatoes (*tomatillo entero*), La Victoria brand, and hot chili peppers are purchased in any shop with large supplies of (*Continued*)

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A CHEER FOR SPRITZERS

By LINDA B. DOWNS ☐ Spritzer. The name itself has the sense of being light, cool, fresh, sprightly, while creating that dancing trip for the tip of the tongue that *z* and *zz* words always do. Its origins seem lost up the sleeve of the bartender or deep in the files of the public relations person who first invented it—for there's nothing on its beginnings in half a dozen of the standard drink books we checked. It's just there. Perhaps the name comes from the fact that the first Spritzers called for Rhine wine (*Spritzer* is the German word for splasher or squirter or, colloquially, for a shower of rain or a fizzy drink); perhaps it's a play on *s* and *z* sounds, since those older versions specified seltzer water, half and half with the Rhine wine. In any case, the Spritzer just seems to have been there quite a few years—and it may be the perfect summer drink.

It is light and cool and fresh and sprightly, though that bit of fizz today usually comes from club soda rather than seltzer. For the hostess, it's totally undemanding—just put out the white wine, the ice, the soda, the glasses and let guests mix as they please. It's equally unimposing on guests—not as innocent, of course, as the Shirley Temple or Virgin Mary, but light enough to sip throughout a long afternoon's sunshine or pre-luncheon conference without dismay or appetite-spoiling.

You will find formal recipes that spell out an exact mix: Put 3 ounces dry white wine and two ice cubes into an eight-ounce glass, then fill with club soda or mineral water. But there's no need to be that precise—it should be varied to suit the taste of the drinker and of the particular wine that's being used.

Rhine wine is a perfect choice but even Rhine wine can range from sweet to steely. A Muscadet can give you a somewhat tart effect, a Gewürztraminer a hint of spiciness. It's also a time

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DOLLY DE LONG'S SEVICHE A LA ACAPULCO*

(Raw Fish Marinated in Lime Juice)

1 2- to 2½-pound red snapper, skinned and boned
1 cup lime juice (about six limes)
4 ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded, cut into small cubes
1 small yellow onion, peeled and minced
¼ cup olive oil
5 pimiento-stuffed olives, sliced
1 cup tomato ketchup
Handful of parsley sprigs, minced
2 tablespoons canned chilies serranos, minced, or 1 sweet green pepper, seeded and cut into small cubes
Salt to taste
Freshly ground pepper
2 ripe avocados, peeled, seeded

Combine the fish and lime juice in a plastic bag. Squeeze out all air and tie securely.

Place in a pan in case the bag leaks and refrigerate several hours or overnight, turning the bag occasionally so the fish is well soaked with the lime juice. The "cooked" fish will lose its transparent look and become opaque.

Drain and reserve the juice. Cut the fish into small cubes. Combine all remaining ingredients (including the lime juice) except the avocados, and mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Pour over fish. Toss gently. Refrigerate until serving time.

To serve, fill the avocado halves with the *seviche*. Serve to four for a perfect summer lunch with crisp saltines.

*Adapted from recipe in *Menus . . . From the Kitchen of Dolly De Long* (Adroit, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830, $4.95).

BEET SALAD

1 pound young beets, cooked in their skins, peeled and cut into small cubes
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
1 cup *crème fraîche*
3 tablespoons chopped chives
Lettuce

Place the beets in a mixing bowl. Season well with salt and pepper. Add the lemon juice and mix with a fork. Add the *crème fraîche* and toss until the beet cubes are well coated. Sprinkle with the chives. Make a bed of lettuce leaves in the bottom of a salad bowl. Spoon the beets on top of the lettuce. Serve beet salad to four.

MEXICAN CORN SALAD

8 ears fresh corn (*Continued*

when you might find a sweeter wine enjoyable—a Catawba, Sauternes or Moscato, the sweeter blends of Liebfraumilch or even the variety of wines called "Chablis." The soda will cut some of the sweetness, yet still leave the flavor.

If you like, add a slip of lemon peel (especially nice to offer if your wine is sweet and you aren't sure what your guests really prefer). Or give a Spritzer a real dress-up: Cut a continuous strip of peel, about half an inch wide, working around the lemon until you have the whole peel in one long spiral. Pour your wine into a tall glass, place the long spiral of peel in the center and drop your ice cubes into the center of it. Add soda and stir gently. That's light and cool and fresh and sprightly—and pretty.

Or flaunt a preference for red wines in the face of tradition and make a Red Wine Spritzer. Again, it's up to you how dry you really want it. Bottles referred to as country wines or Bordeaux Rouge (regional blends), lighter Chiantis, Provence reds, California burgundies—any could be a good base with some measure of dryness. The pop wines offer a spectrum of sweetness and/or other flavors; a fruity Beaujolais, a nice berry-hinting Zinfandel or a good Lambrusco (the rich, mellow Reunite version is especially enjoyable here) are other pleasant choices.

Toss in a squirt of lime if you feel the need. Add a slice of orange or half a fresh peach (a touch of brandy would not be amiss, either) and you've created your own pseudo Sangria—never to be confused with the full, satisfying blend of a well-made pitcher with properly prepared fruits, but a pleasing summer sip nonetheless. And don't be surprised at the eye-pleasing way your fruit may begin to float to the top.

So that's a Spritzer. Wine and soda, lemon peel if you like. For everyone, a relaxing mix—and worth a summer cheer. ■

1 large green pepper
1 red onion, peeled
2 shallots
4 scallions or green onion bulbs
1 tomato
½ cup condensed beef broth
¼ cup *crème fraîche*
2 to 3 tablespoons wine vinegar
½ cup mayonnaise
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 or 3 pimientos, julienned

Husk the corn and drop into boiling salted water for three to four minutes. Drain immediately and cool quickly under cold running water. Once it's cold, drain again. Then cut off the kernels and set aside.

Clean, seed and chop the pepper coarsely; chop the onion coarsely. Place both in bowl of electric food processor with the steel blade and mince very fine. Take care not to purée.

Peel and slice the shallots very thin. Trim the roots off the scallions and slice the white part thin (reserve the green stems to use as a garnish). Peel the tomato, slice in half across, then squeeze out seeds. Cut into half-inch cubes.

Pour beef broth into a mixing bowl. Gradually beat in the *crème fraîche* with a wire whip, then the vinegar and finally the mayonnaise. Mix together all vegetables *except the tomato*. Season with salt and pepper. Add the sauce and toss well.

Spoon into a salad bowl and garnish top with tomato cubes, pimiento slices and green scallion stems chopped fine. Chill.

GAZPACHO

2 to 3 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
3 pounds ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped
2 cucumbers, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped
1 green pepper, cored, seeded and coarsely chopped
1 small yellow onion, peeled and coarsely chopped
2 cups chilled tomato juice
⅓ cup olive oil
3 tablespoons wine vinegar
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Combine half the vegetables at a time with half the tomato juice in the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade or the electric blender. Process to a smooth purée. Then pour all into a large bowl. Stir in the olive oil and vinegar with salt and pepper to taste. Finally, add Tabasco to taste to give the Gazpacho its traditional piquant taste. Chill thoroughly.

Serve in chilled cups or bowls with an ice cube of frozen tomato juice in each cup and small croutons on the side. Serves about six.

POACHED PEACHES WITH FRESH RASPBERRY SAUCE

In a large pan, mix (*Continued*)



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¾ cup sugar, 2 cups water and a two-inch piece of vanilla bean. Bring to a boil, then boil for five minutes. Add whole, peeled peaches or peach halves to the boiling syrup. Reduce heat to simmer and poach until tender when pierced with the point of a sharp knife. Baste occasionally. Chill in syrup.

Raspberry Sauce: In the container of the electric blender or the electric food processor, combine 1 pint fresh ripe raspberries with ¼ cup of the syrup in which the peaches poached. Blend to make a smooth purée. Strain or not, as you like, to eliminate the seeds. Perfume with a few drops of kirsch.

To serve: Arrange the chilled, strained peaches in a crystal serving dish and cover with the Raspberry Sauce. Garnish with a few fresh raspberries.

PECHES AU CREME BRULEE

Peel and slice 8 very ripe fresh peaches. Arrange in a baking dish that can go to the table. It should be of a size that the peaches will almost fill. Spoon a thick layer of commercial sour cream over the top of the peaches, then smooth with a metal spatula. Cover with a ½-inch layer of sifted light brown sugar. Slide under a preheated broiler, four to five inches from the source of heat, just long enough to caramelize the sugar. Watch sharply and don't even close oven door. Serve at once. Delicious mixture of cool peaches, rich cream, crunchy sugar.

FRESH PLUM SHERBET

1½ cups cold water
1 envelope unflavored gelatine
1½ pounds fresh plums, sliced and pitted (about 10 to 12) or the same amount of fresh ripe peaches*
Juice ½ lemon, strained
1½ to 2 cups sugar (about)
Dash salt
1 egg white, unbeaten

Pour ½ *cup of the cold water* into a small saucepan. Sprinkle with the gelatine. Place over low heat and stir until the gelatine has dissolved. Set aside.

Purée half the plums with the lemon juice and ½ *cup of cold water* in the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade or in the electric blender. Purée the remaining plums with ½ cup of cold water. Combine both purées in a large saucepan and add *1½ cups of the sugar.* Taste to see if the mixture is sweet enough. If not, add remaining sugar. Stir in the salt and the gelatine.

Place over medium heat and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Pour into ice cube trays and freeze until *almost* firm. Take from the freezer, turn into a mixing bowl and add the egg white. Beat with an electric or rotary beater until smooth. Pour back into ice trays and freeze until firm. Serves six.

*If peaches are used, reduce the sugar to 1⅓ cups.

AJA ZANOVA'S STRAWBERRY DESSERT

Mme. Zanova is *la patronne* of the Duck Joint, a most popular restaurant in New York City.

2 packages (10-ounce size) frozen strawberries, thawed
2 envelopes unflavored gelatine
2 jiggers Grand Marnier or framboise Liqueur
1½ cups heavy cream, whipped
¼ cup sugar
***Garnish:* Small fresh strawberries, washed and hulled**

Sprinkle the gelatine over ¼ cup cold water in a small saucepan. Place over very low heat. Stir until gelatine dissolves.

Place the thawed berries in a bowl, stir in the gelatine and the Grand Marnier. Refrigerate.

When the mixture begins to hold a shape, whip the cream until it holds soft peaks, then beat in the sugar. Pour the cream over the mixture, and fold in with a rubber spatula.

Spoon into eight parfait glasses and refrigerate until firm. Garnish with the fresh berries. Serves eight. ■

IN THE KITCHEN

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Except for the cod, everything on Maxime McKendry's dinner menu can be prepared early on the day of the party. Total preparation time is about two hours, not counting soaking time for the fish or baking time for the pears, plus the reheating time just before serving the Aïoli and the pears. Total cost to serve 10 to 12 persons will be about $35, plus the wine. Appropriate wines include Muscadet, Alsace Gewürztraminer, a California Chardonnay or a good Tavel Rosé.

MELON AND PROSCIUTTO MAISON

3 ripe melons
10 to 12 paper-thin slices of lean prosciutto
1 cup finely minced parsley
10 to 12 tablespoons Marsala (Sicilian dessert wine)
Salt and pepper to taste

Divide the melons into 10 to 12 slices. Discard seeds and rind, but handle carefully as you trim so you do not squeeze out the juice. Cover with Saran; refrigerate until an hour before serving.

Chop prosciutto extra-fine, add the Marsala and season just enough to bring out the flavors. About an hour before serving,

place some of this mixture down the length of each slice and arrange melon on serving dishes.

AIOLI
(Fish Stew)

4 packets frozen bacalão (salted cod) or 10-12 fillets
12 to 18 small red boiling potatoes (new potatoes if possible), scrubbed
5 to 6 artichokes
5 to 6 medium-sized carrots, scraped
¼ pound string beans, washed (or one nine-ounce package frozen beans)
2 10-ounce packages frozen Green Peas and Pearl Onions, thawed
5 cloves
3 dozen littleneck clams
Black pepper to taste
Chopped parsley for garnish

Soak cod 12 hours, changing the water four times during that period. Place the fish slices in a large pan, cover with fresh cold water and bring to a boil. Turn off the heat and cool the fish in the cooking water.

To prepare the vegetables: Boil the potatoes; drain when still firm. Trim the artichokes of all but the inner leaves; trim the bases and halve the artichokes. Remove the beards with the point of a knife, then place the artichoke halves and leaves in acidulated water (water with lemon juice added) to avert discoloration. Add the carrots to this water and boil until the carrots and artichokes are just tender—about 10 minutes. Drain. Poach the string beans; drain when still crisp. Prepare the peas and onions as directed on the package, except you should omit the butter and *simmer for only three minutes.* Leave the peas and onions in their cooking liquid and add the cloves, then cover and set aside. If you use the clams, let your clams open over heat, then wipe free of sand and arrange on the half shell.

To arrange for reheating: Use a large ovenproof platter with raised sides or possibly a large flat pan such as a paella pan. With a slotted palette knife, remove the fish slices from their cooking liquid and arrange in the center of your pan or platter. Then arrange the carrots, potatoes and artichoke halves in concentric circles around the fish. Sprinkle the peas and onions, in their liquid, over the top of the fish and arrange clams on top. Add liquid from the fish cooker to cover. Cover tightly with foil.

To reheat: Preheat your oven to 500° and place the Aïoli in it for 15 to 20 minutes just before serving. Take from the oven and discard the foil. Use a platter or lid to hold everything in place and drain off liquid. Sprinkle with parsley. Serve at once to 10 to 12 with Aïoli Mayonnaise.

AIOLI MAYONNAISE

1 dinner roll, soaked in milk and squeezed out
2 egg yolks
Salt and pepper to taste
1 whole head of garlic, peeled
2 cups salad oil

Place the squeezed-out roll in a mixing bowl and beat with the electric beater until creamy. Add 2 egg yolks. Place the garlic cloves in the blender container and cover with water. Put on "chop" for a few seconds. (This method of crushing garlic is fast and also removes some of the pungency of the garlic.) Then drain the crushed garlic and add to the egg yolk/bread mixture. Gradually add the oil. If mixture seems too thick or it starts to separate, add 1 tablespoon warm water. Gradually add the lemon juice; season to taste.

If serving it soon, leave in a cool place, but do not refrigerate. Otherwise, refrigerate but take out and let come to room temperature before serving.

POIRES AU GRATIN

¾ stick sweet butter
6 to 8 large, firm pears, peeled, cored, quartered and sliced on diagonal
6 to 8 tablespoons apricot or plum preserves
8 Amaretti di Saronno Lazzroni macaroons
2 to 3 tablespoons Poire Williams or other pear brandy

With about three-quarters of your butter, butter a large, shallow, ovenproof casserole dish. Arrange the pear slices in concentric rings, then cover with preserves. Crush the macaroons in a blender and sprinkle on top. Dot with the remaining butter. Bake 30 minutes at 350°.

Remove from the oven and let set until 20 minutes before serving it. Then add the pear brandy around the edges of the pears and reheat for 10 minutes at 500°. To serve, cut in wedges and let guests top with Amaretto Cream, whipped cream or ice cream. Serves 10 to 12.

AMARETTO CREAM

2 cartons heavy cream
1 tablespoon Poire Williams brandy
2 tablespoons Amaretto liqueur
2 Amaretti macaroons, crushed

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½ cup sugar
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½ cup creamy peanut butter
1 egg, lightly beaten
1½ cups all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt

Combine butter and sugar in a mixing bowl and work with an electric beater until creamy. Add peanut butter and beat in thoroughly. Then beat in the egg. Finally, work in the flour and salt. Shape into 36 balls about the size of a walnut.

With waxed paper, cover the bottom of any glass or ceramic dish that will fit into the microwave oven. Arrange the balls, *a good two inches apart*, on the waxed paper.

Using the tines of a fork dipped in flour, flatten the balls, both ways. Cook for three to four minutes, rotating the dish one quarter-turn halfway through the cooking time. Take from the oven and cool. Cook the remaining cookies, using fresh waxed paper for each batch. Makes three dozen cookies. *Note*: The cooking time depends on the size of the cookies.

BAKED CUSTARD

3 cups milk
4 eggs
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla
Freshly grated nutmeg

Heat the 3 cups milk in a four-cup glass measure for approximately 2½ to 3½ minutes.

Place the eggs in a mixing bowl and beat with a wire whisk until mixed (*do not use a mechanical beater*, it makes the eggs too frothy). Then thoroughly beat in the sugar, salt and vanilla. Gradually add the hot milk, beating constantly. Pour into a one-quart glass baking dish or soufflé mold. Sprinkle the top generously with freshly grated nutmeg.

Place the custard in a two-quart glass or ceramic baking dish. Add 1½ cups very hot water from the tap to the baking dish. Cook in the microwave oven for 18 minutes, rotating the dish one quarter-turn every four or five minutes. When the custard is cooked, the center will be very soft and "jiggly" but a knife inserted one inch from the outside edge will come out clean—that is, without any of the custard clinging to it. Then rest until cool. Serves six.

FABULOUS BROWNIES

2 squares (one-ounce each) unsweetened chocolate
½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
½ cup all-purpose flour
Few grains salt
1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
½ teaspoon vanilla

Take an eight-inch square glass baking dish and line the bottom with baking parchment. Set aside.

Melt the squares of chocolate on a plate in the microwave oven for two minutes.

Cut up the butter and place in a mixing bowl with the sugar. Using an electric beater, beat until smooth and creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating hard after each addition. Thoroughly mix in the flour, salt, chocolate, nuts and vanilla.

Pour into the prepared dish. Cook for seven to eight minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the mixture comes out clean, rotating dish one quarter-turn four times during cooking. Take the brownies from the oven and allow to cool completely. Then cut into 16 neat squares to serve.

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By HELEN McCULLY

What is crème fraîche?

Also known as *crème double*, it is French heavy cream that has been allowed to mature with a natural fermentation taking place that thickens the cream and gives it a slightly nutty flavor. It is not sour. French cream, with a butterfat of at least 30%, can be boiled without curdling. American commercial sour cream cannot be substituted because the butterfat is too low and, further, it will curdle if boiled.

How is crème fraîche used in cooking?

In sauces (Mayonnaise Chantilly, Cream Mustard, Horseradish, etc.); and in soups (Cream of Carrot, Watercress, Asparagus, Curry, etc.); mousses (pike, the Smoked Salmon Mousse on page 65, etc.); in meat dishes (veal croquettes, for example) and fish dishes (Mackerel à la Crème or Sole au Vin Blanc). Spooned over fresh berries or fruit pies, it is perfectly delicious.

Is crème fraîche available in the United States?

Yes. Inspired and aided by Chef André Soltner of Lutèce (see page 65 for his beautiful terrine and sauce), it was developed by Zausner Foods Corp. and is now available in fine food stores in most large cities across the country.

Is it possible to make crème fraîche at home?

Yes. *The Encyclopedia of Practical Gastronomy* by Ali-Bab gives this method: Mix 3 teaspoons of commercial buttermilk with 1 cup heavy whipping cream. Heat to lukewarm (about 85°), then spoon into a jar and let stand at room temperature overnight or until it has thickened. Stir and refrigerate. In very hot weather, it will thicken in as little as six hours; in cold weather, it can take as long as 36 hours. *Crème fraîche* can be stored in the refrigerator for about a week.

When are Bartlett pears in season?

They come on the market about the middle of July and are plentiful through September.

How can you choose and store Bartlett pears?

The skins of Bartletts may range from green to bright yellow. If you want to eat them within a couple of days of purchase, choose yellow pears that yield to gentle pressure. (Do not pinch. Pinching makes brown spots.) To ripen green Bartletts, keep in a bag, loosely closed, and let them ripen at room temperature (65° to 72°). When they have turned yellow (this will take about two to three days) and "give" under pressure, refrigerate until you are ready to use. But don't hold them too long or they'll lose some of their flavor.

What's the best way to serve Bartlett pears?

They're so good they hardly need any embellishment, but there are many who love to eat Bartletts with Camembert, Brie or Roquefort. All should be at room temperature.

When a recipe says "strong coffee," what does that mean?

It means 6 tablespoons ground coffee to 1 cup of boiling water. And we suggest that an espresso coffee, such as Medaglia d'Oro, will give you the strong coffee extract you need. If you don't have a four-cup drip coffeemaker, line a strainer with a double layer of cheesecloth and place it over a bowl. Pour cup of boiling water over coffee and allow to stand two or three minutes. Cool to room temperature before using. An excellent extract to use in mousses, ice creams, cakes, frostings, etc.

How can you remove chocolate stains from fabrics?

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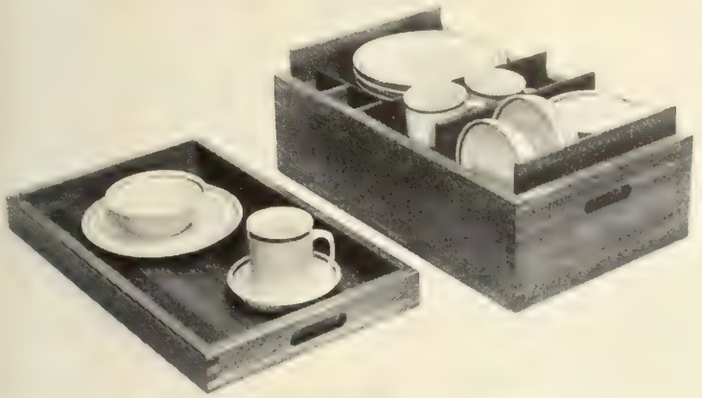
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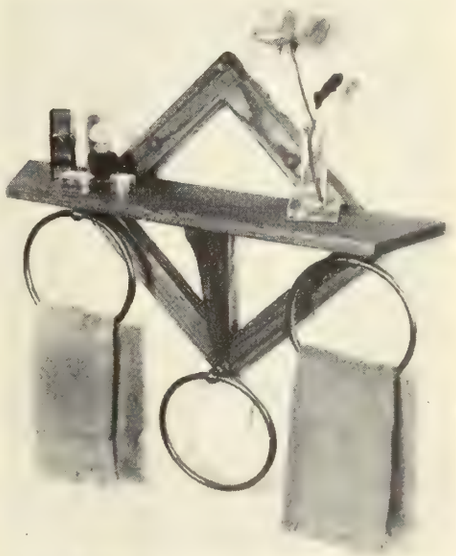
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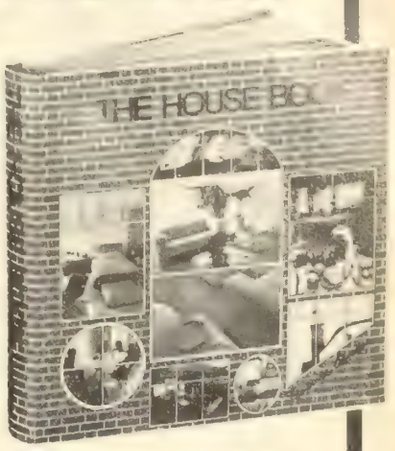
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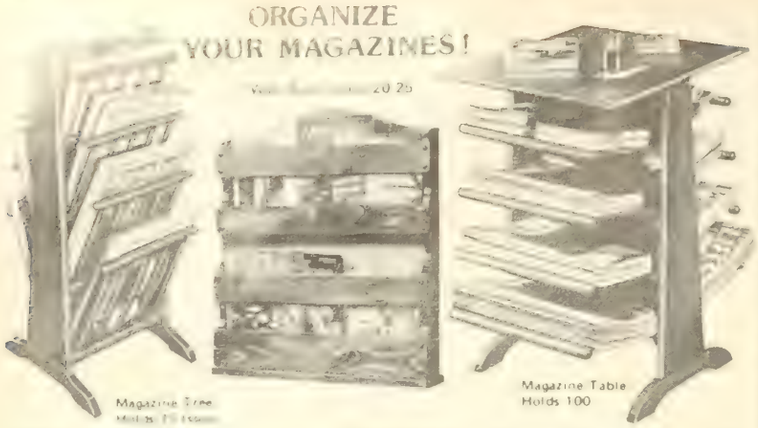
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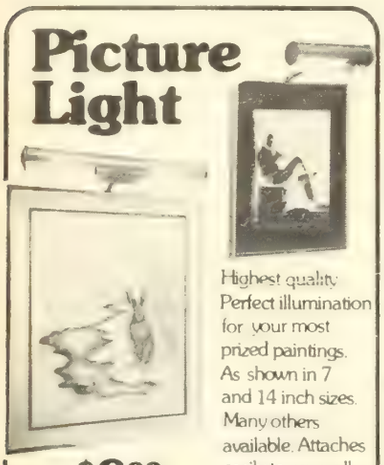
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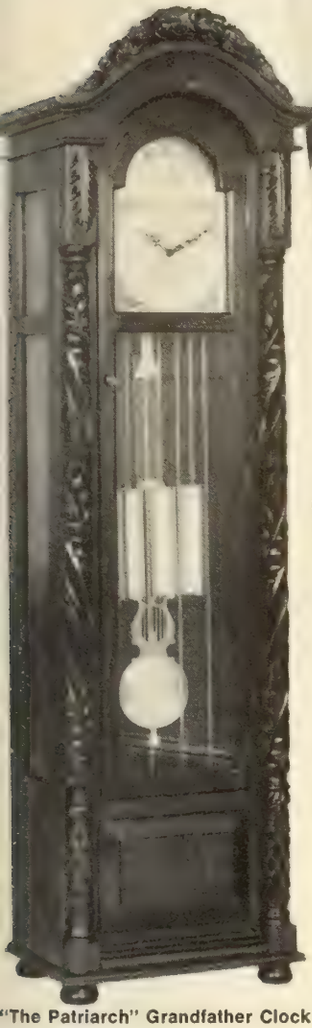
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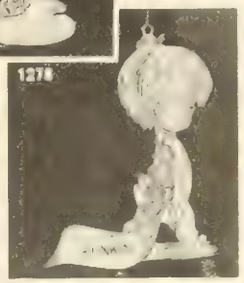


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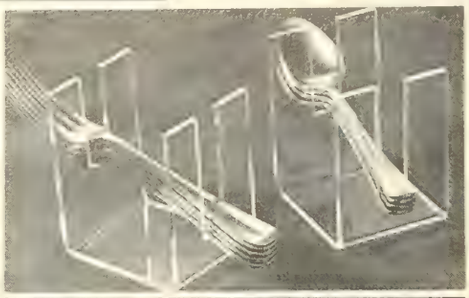
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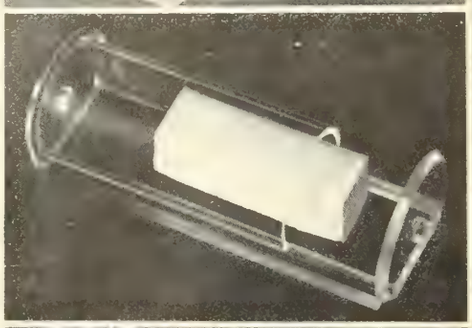
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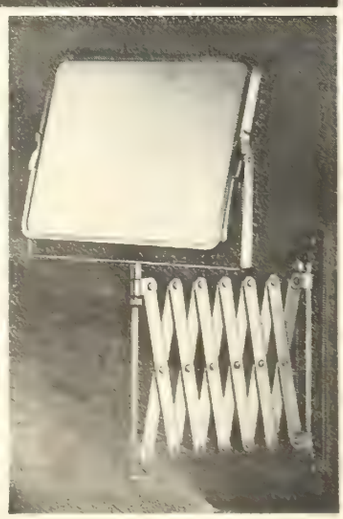
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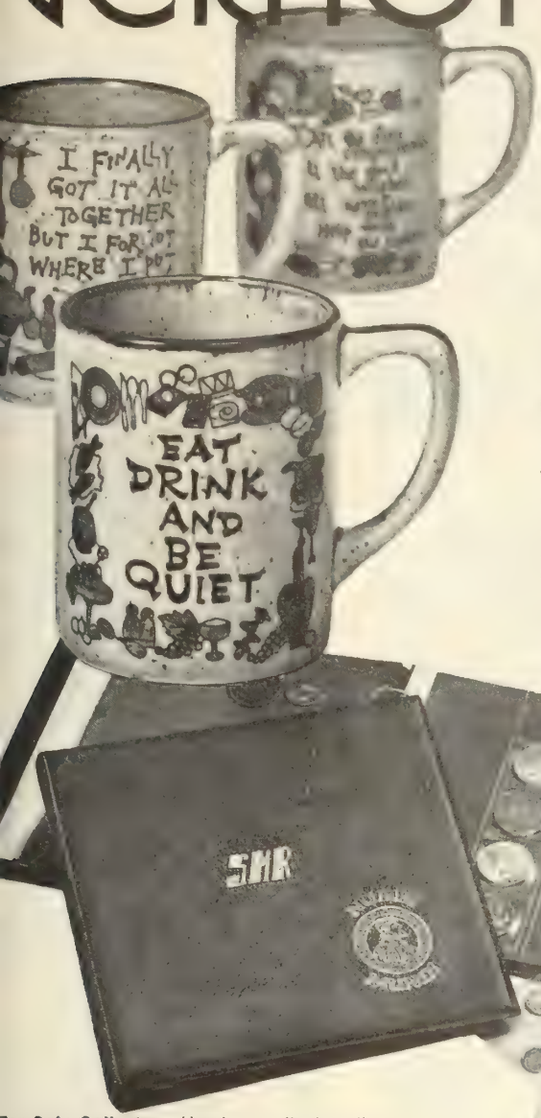


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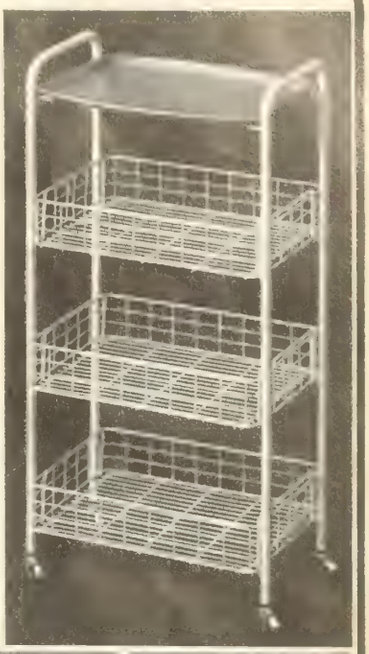
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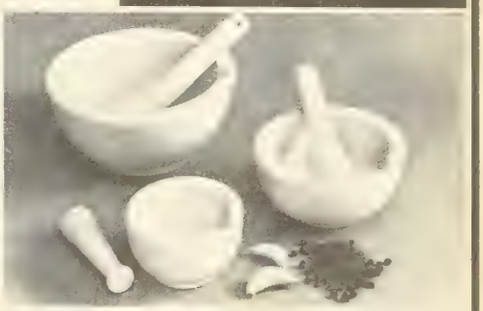
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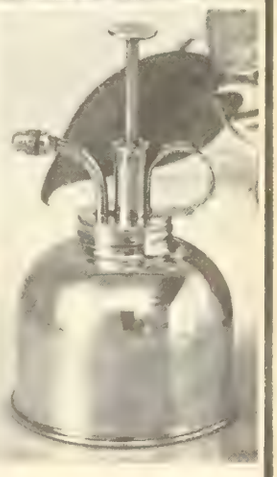
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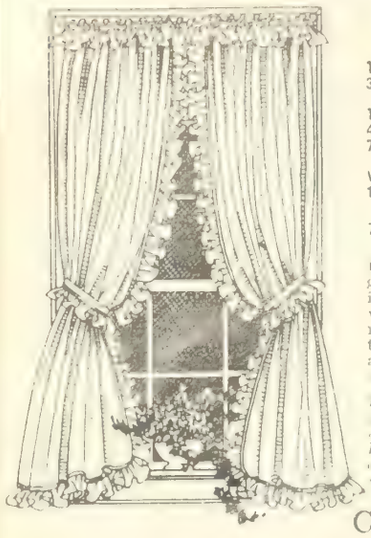
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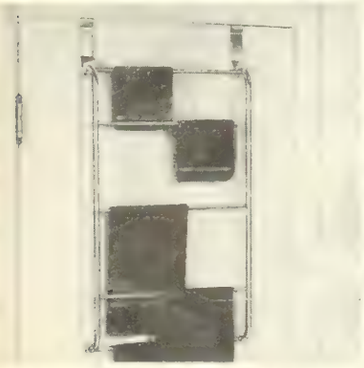
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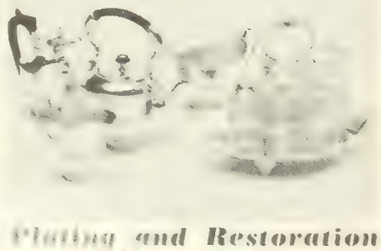
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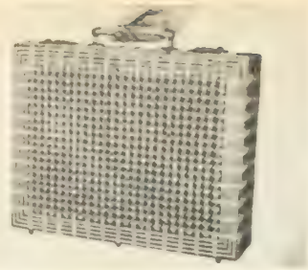
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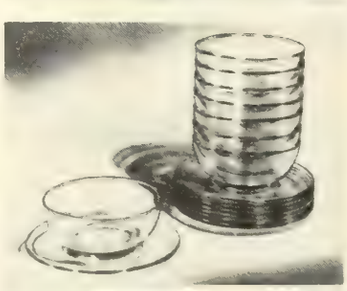
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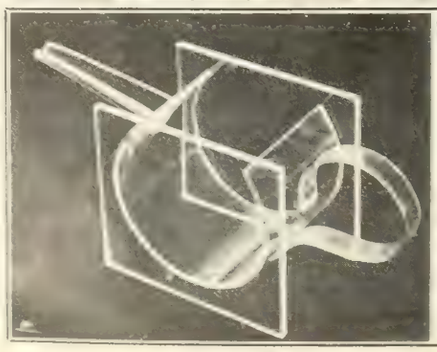
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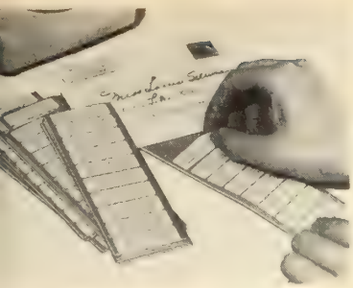


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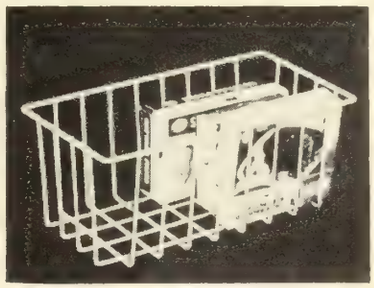
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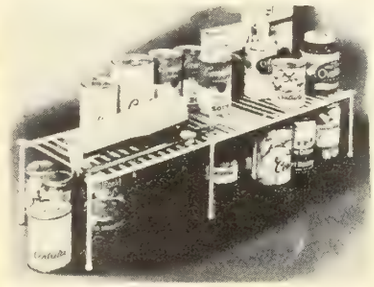
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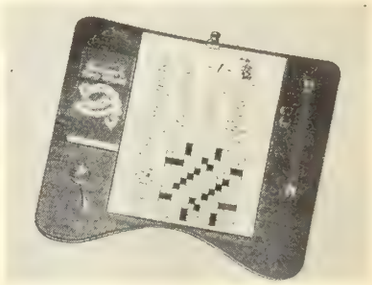
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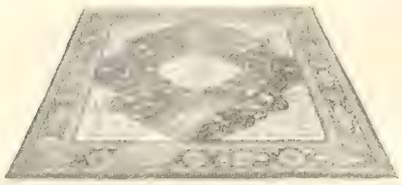
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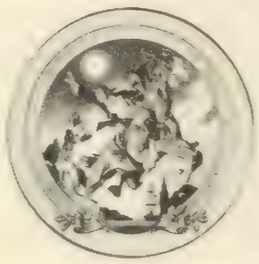
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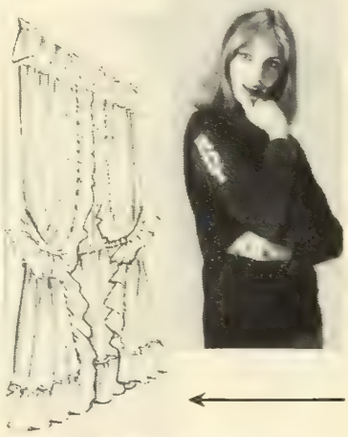
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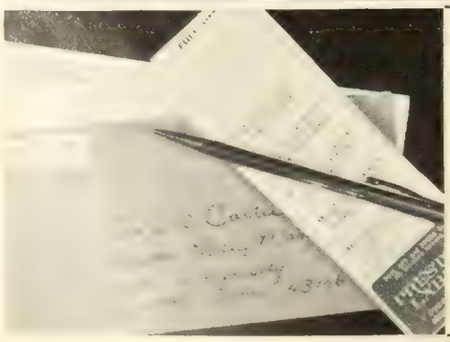
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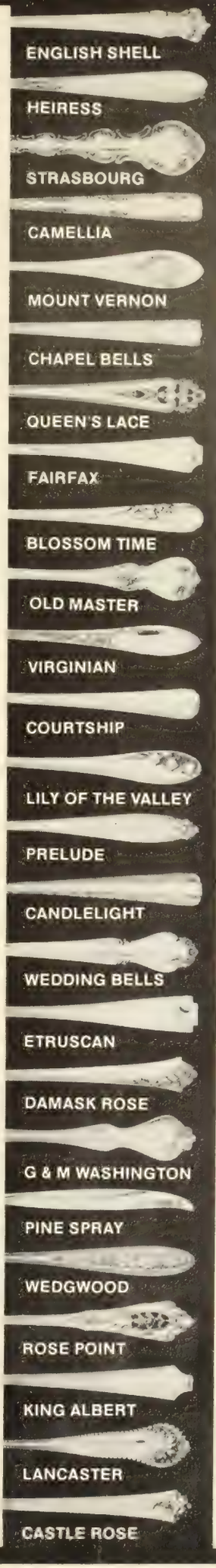
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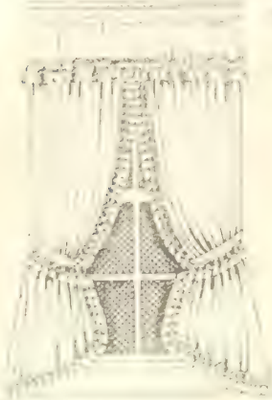
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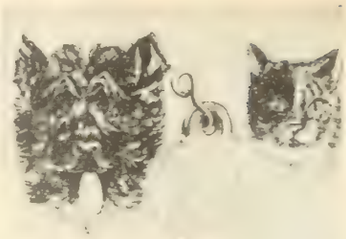




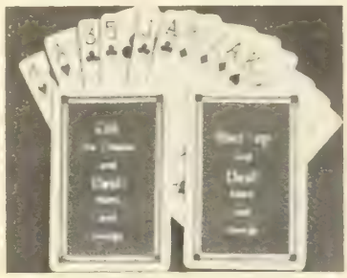
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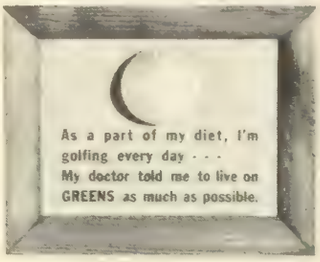
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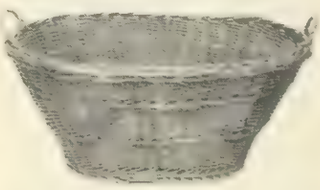
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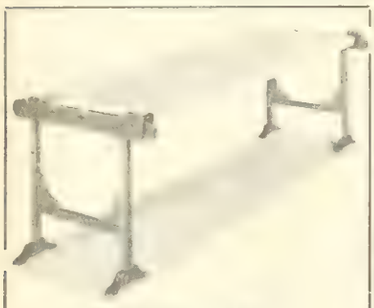
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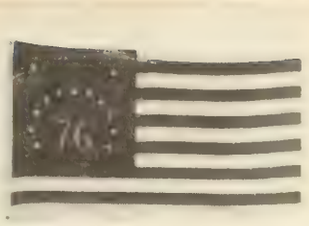
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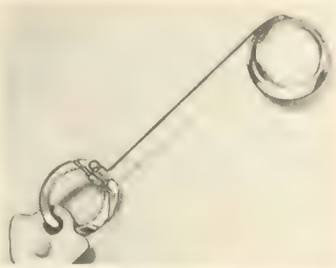
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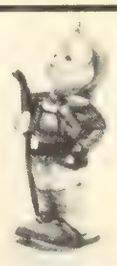


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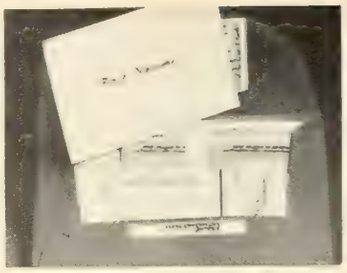
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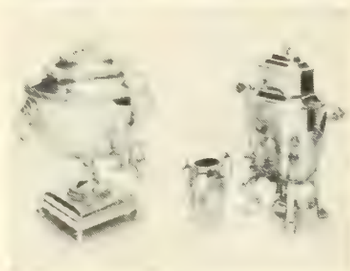
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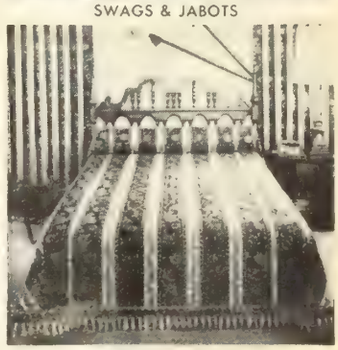
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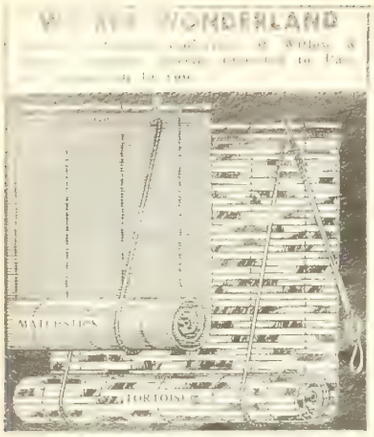
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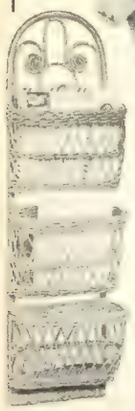


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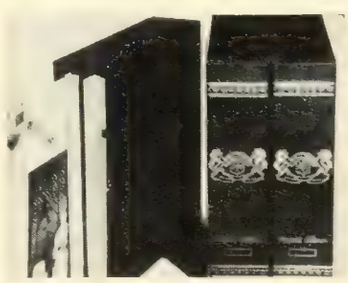
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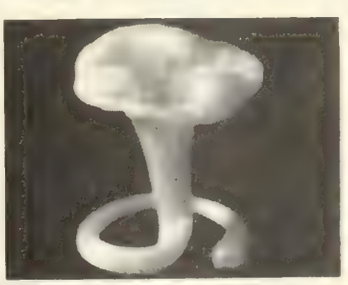
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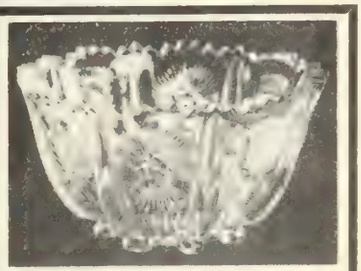
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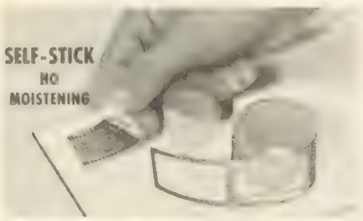
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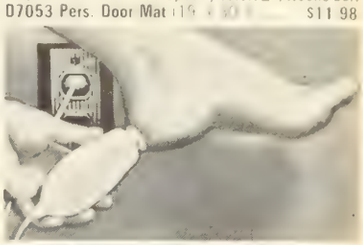
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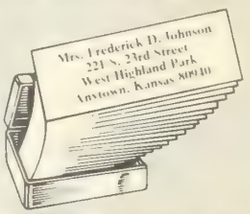
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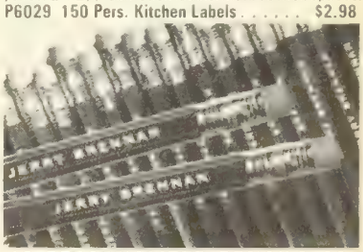
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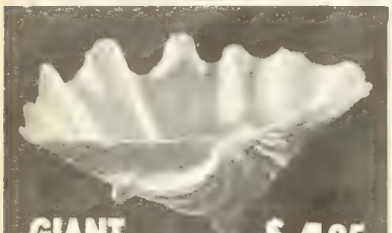


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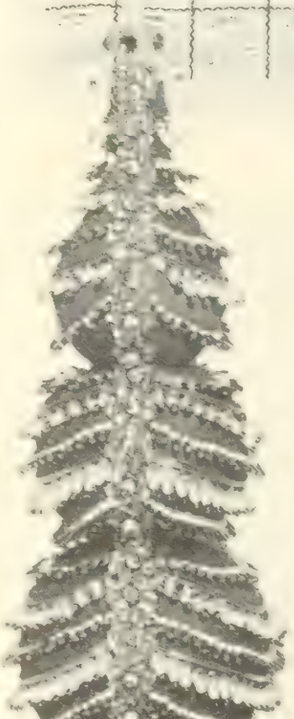
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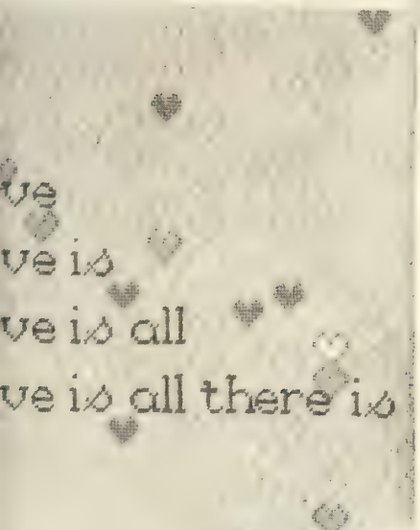
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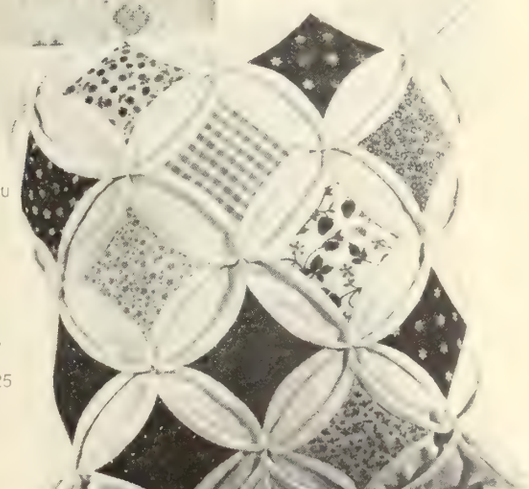


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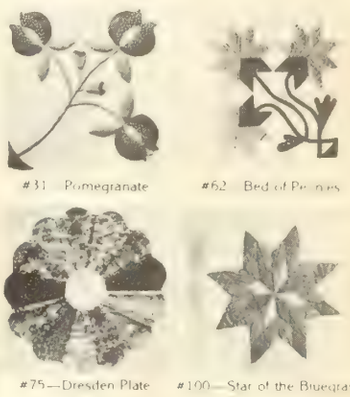
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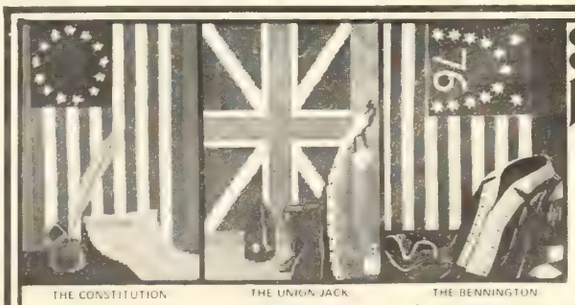
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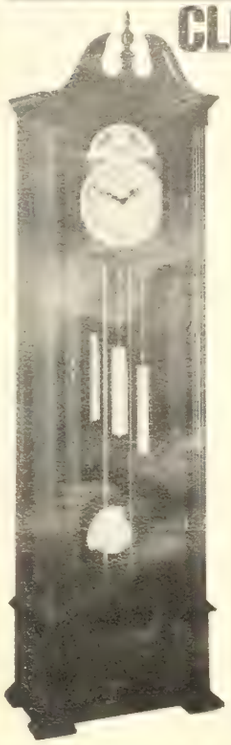
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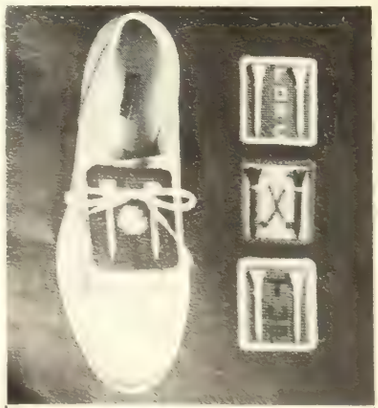
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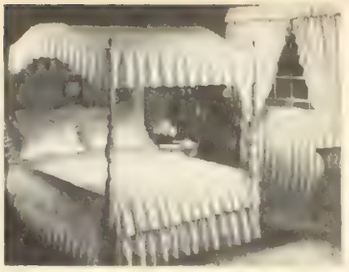
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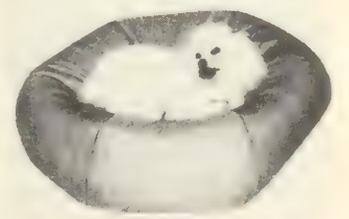
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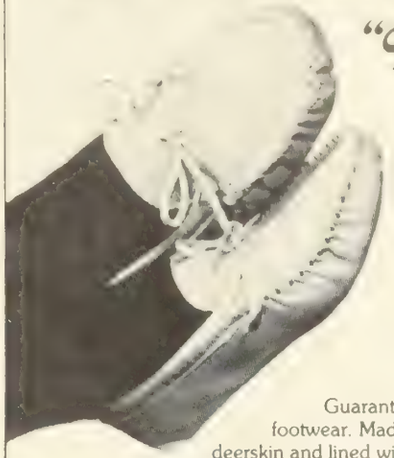
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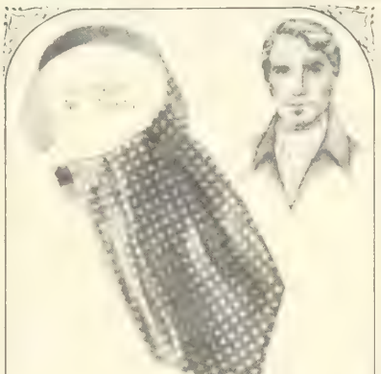


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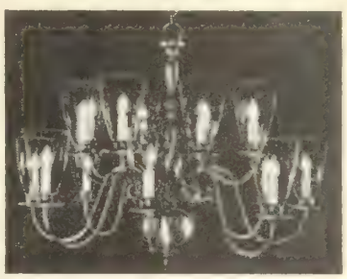
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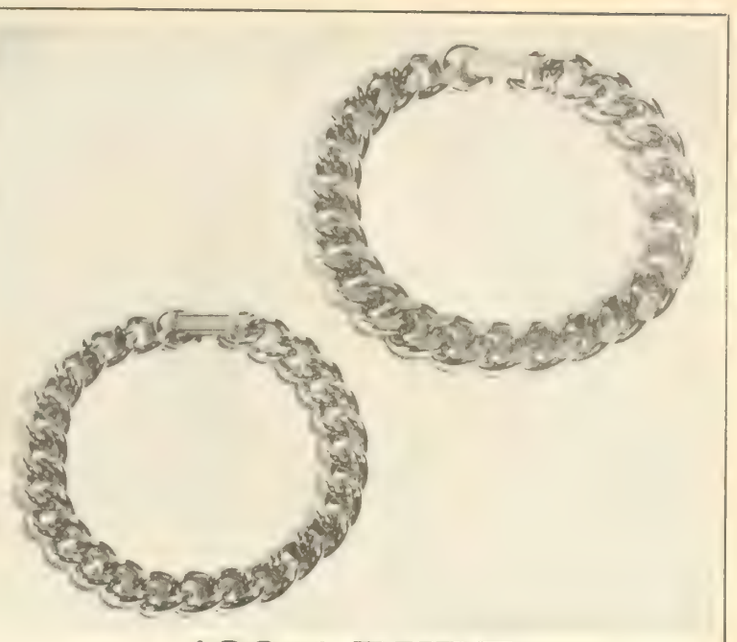


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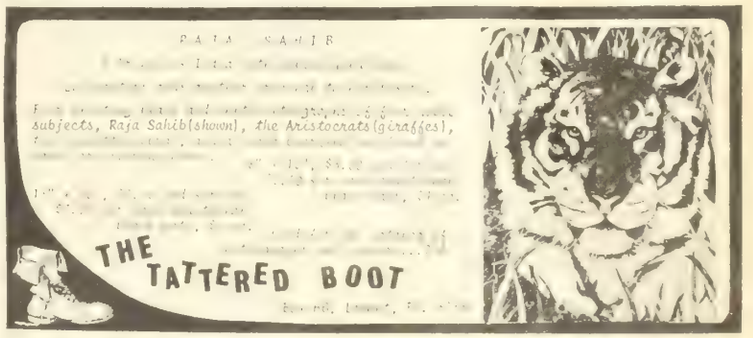
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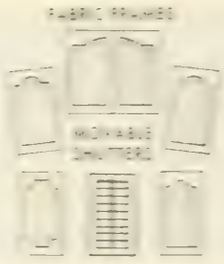
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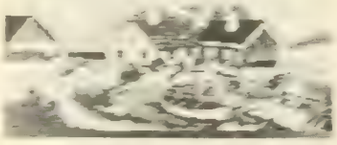
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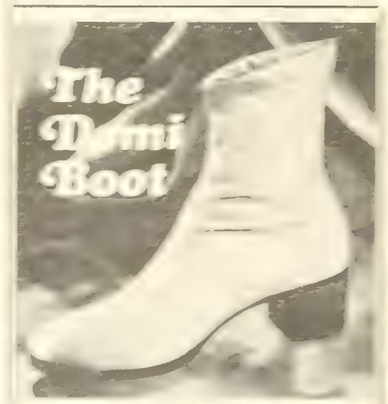
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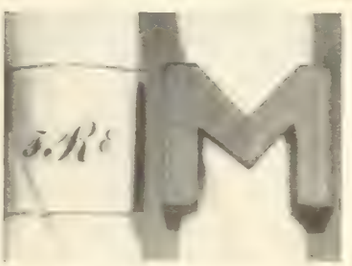
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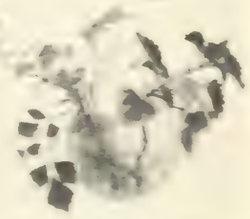
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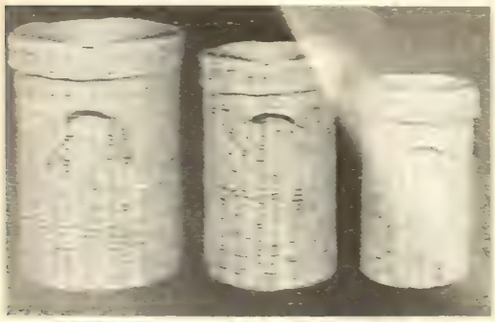


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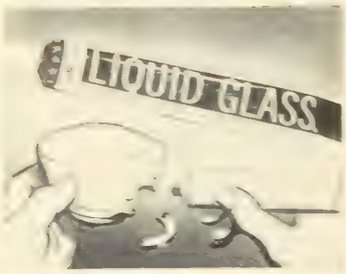
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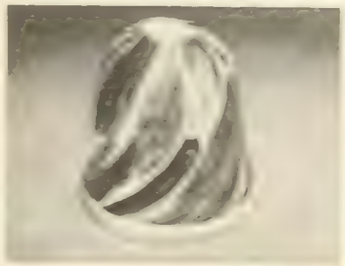
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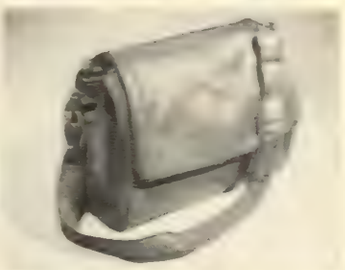
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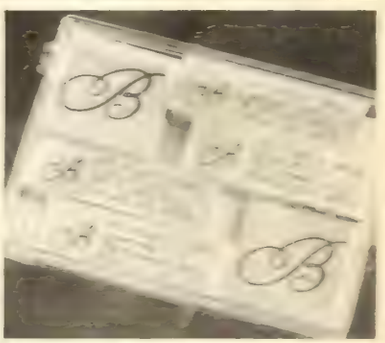
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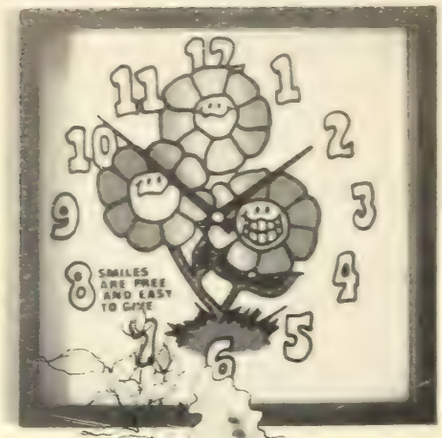
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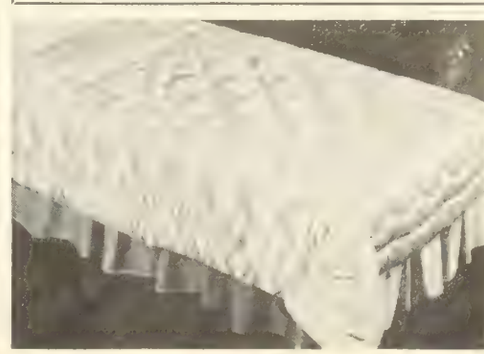


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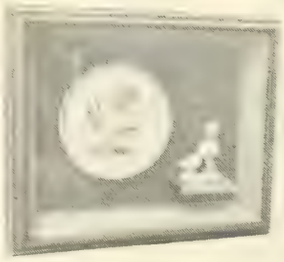


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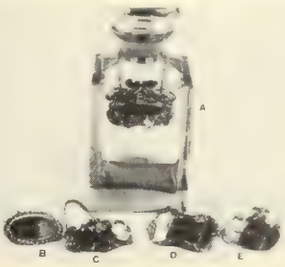
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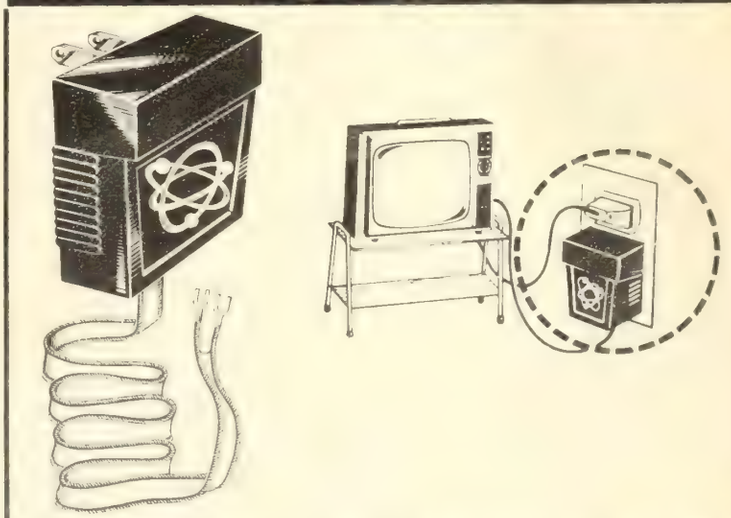
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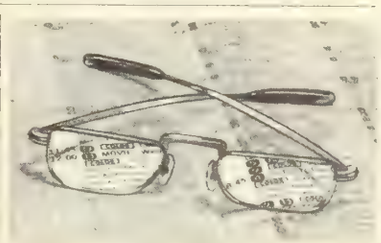
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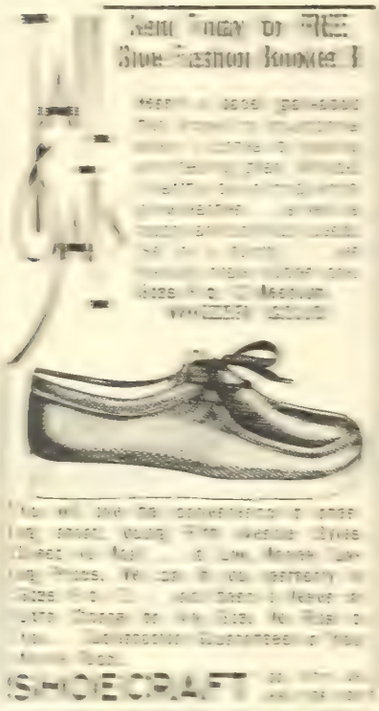
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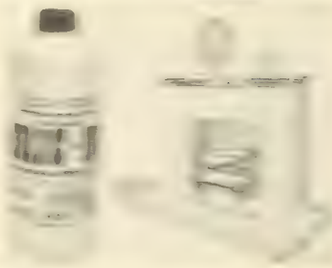
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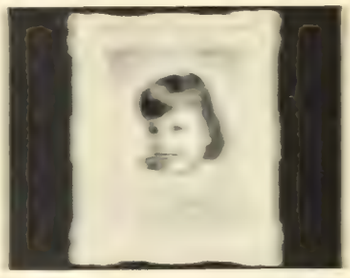


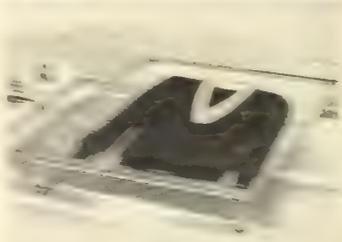

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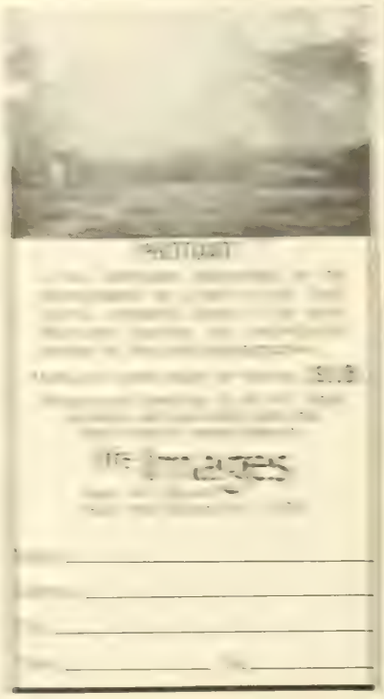







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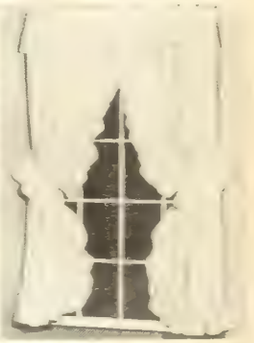
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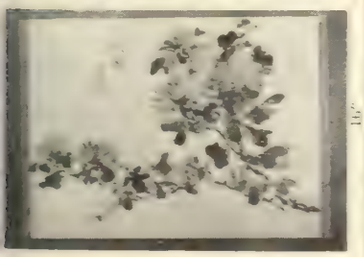
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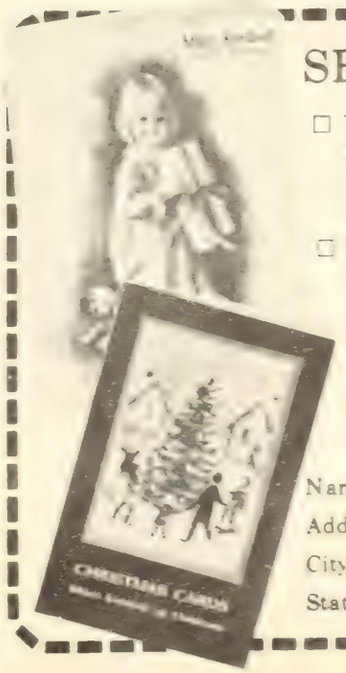


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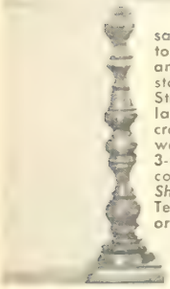
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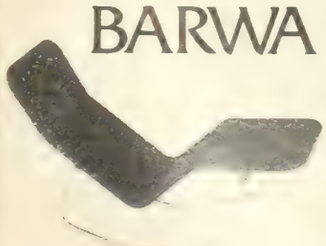
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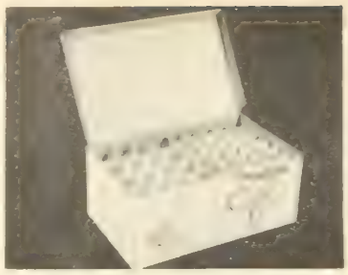


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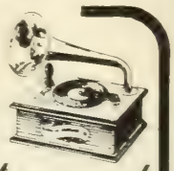
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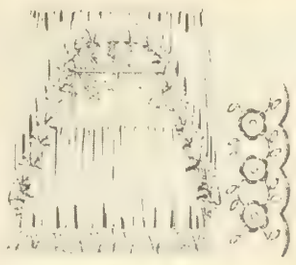
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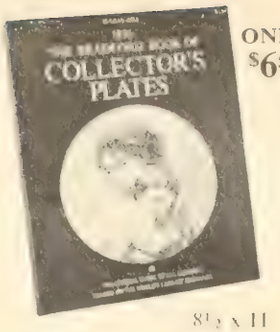


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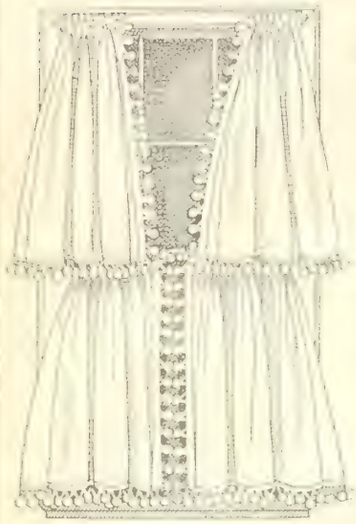
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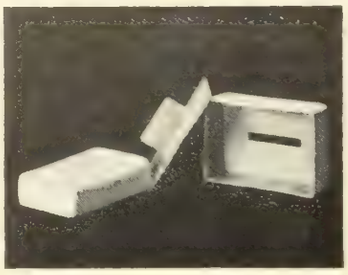
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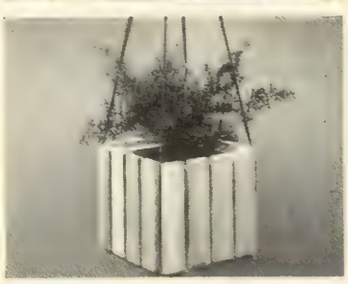
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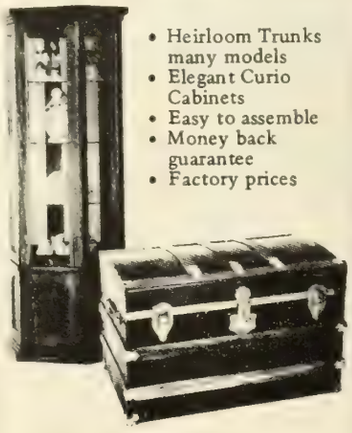
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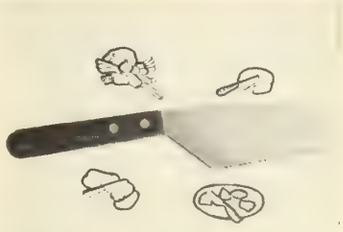


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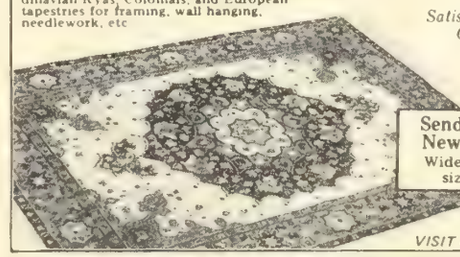
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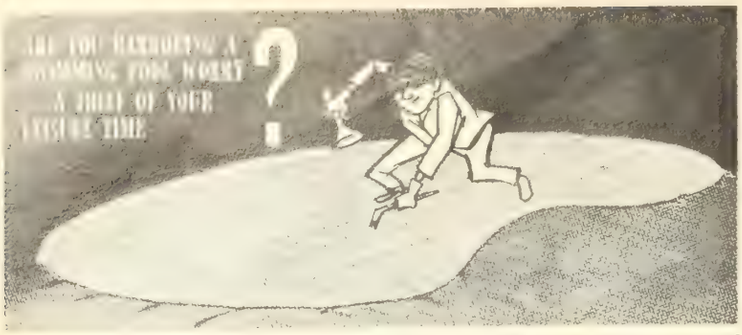
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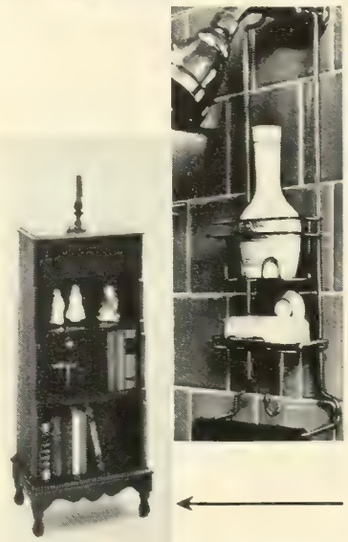
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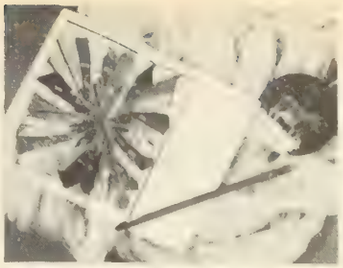
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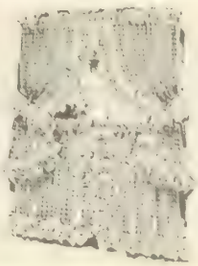
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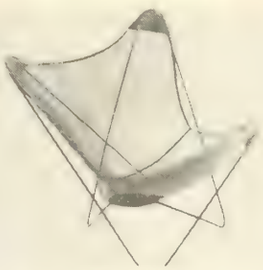
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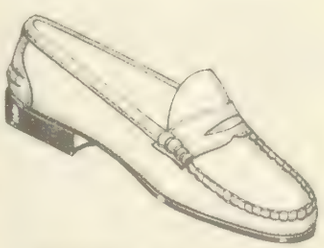
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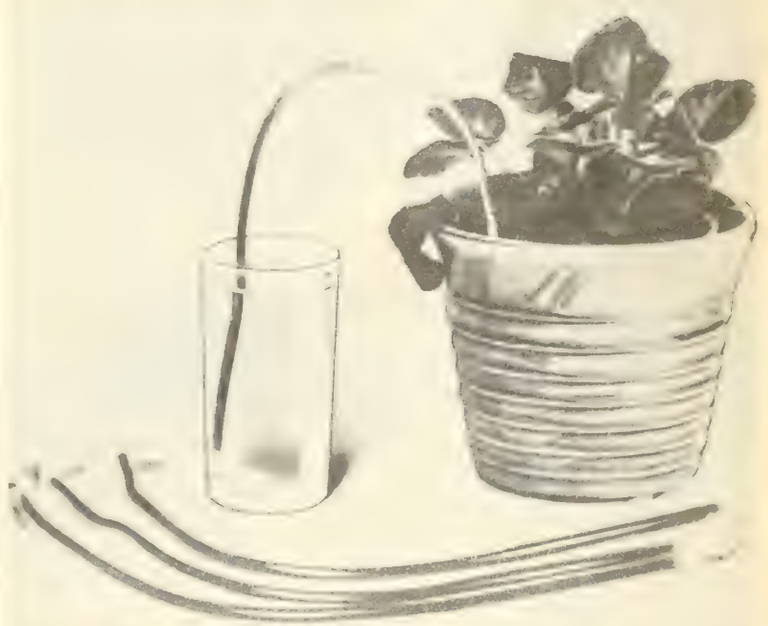
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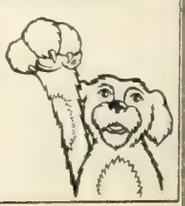
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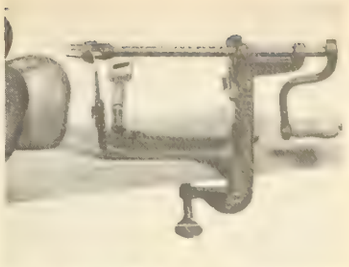
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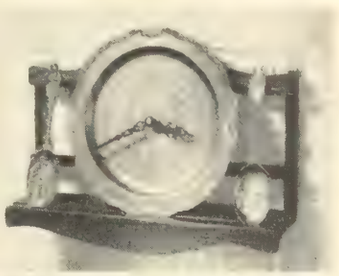
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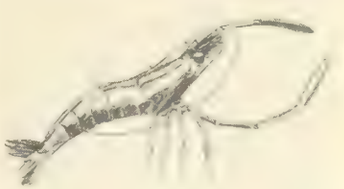
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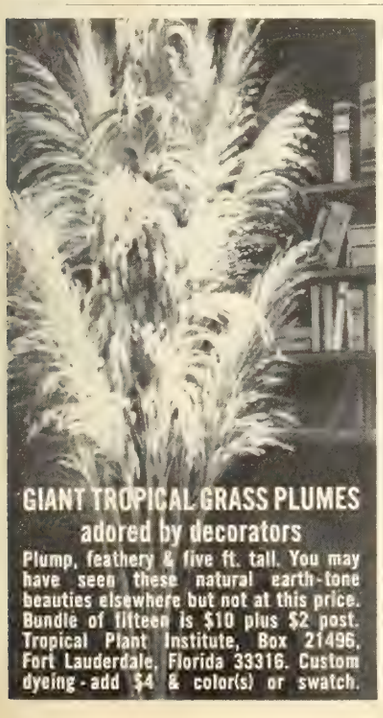


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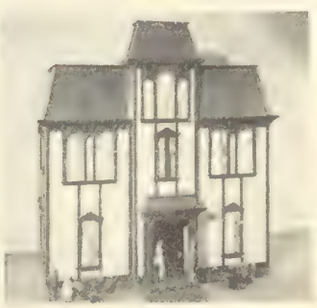
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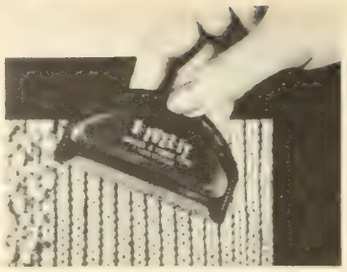


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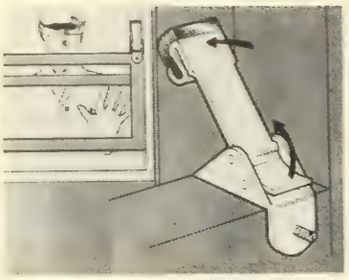
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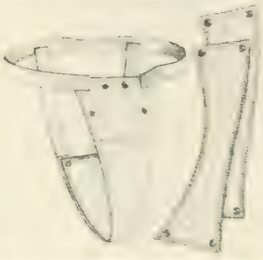
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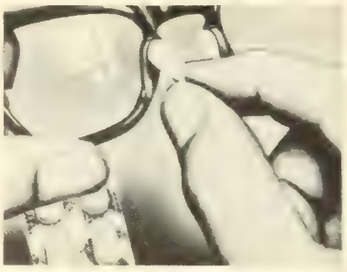
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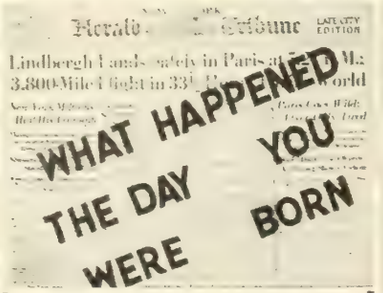
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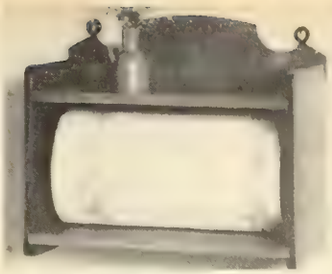
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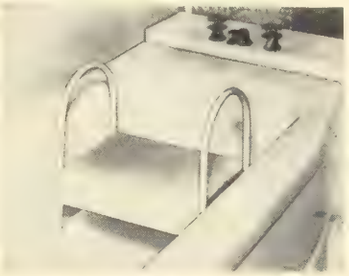
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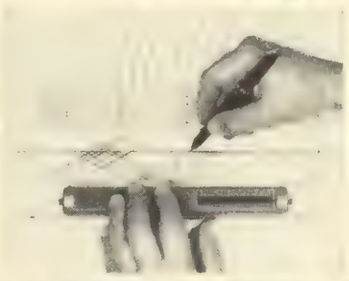
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Page 45: Daughter's dress in "Wild Cherry" fabric, **Cohama.**

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Page 37: Wallpaper, **Scalamandre Silks Inc.*** Bedspread, draperies, shade fabric, **Westgate Fabrics.*** Lamps by **Tyndale Lamps By Wilmar.** Desk and wing chairs by **Martin of London Inc.;*** chair fabric, **F. Schumacher & Co.*** *Bottom:* Stained window, **The Stained Glass Works,** 428 32nd St., Newport Beach, Calif. 92660. Hardware, **Acme Hardware Co. Inc.** *Kitchen:* Dome, **The Stained Glass Works.** Antique hutch, **G.R. Durenberger.** Chairs, **Martin of London.***

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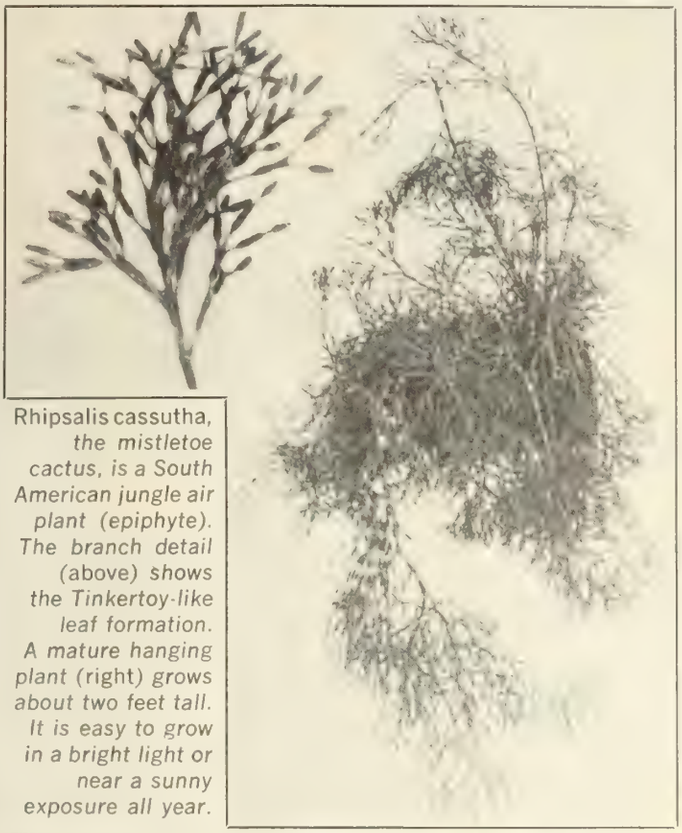
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Dr. Castaldo has been a practicing physician for over 30 years. A graduate of the University of Maryland, he received his medical degree at Tufts University, then interned and was a resident at Stamford and Bridgeport Hospitals in Connecticut and Bellevue Hospital in New York.

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The aura is reminiscent of the Far East, very much in vogue today. It's a sure-handed expression of this special mood, created by Designer Mario Buatta's combining of three new China Seas blue-and-white patternings for fabric and wallcoverings with a large square Henredon coffee table and deep pillow-back sofas from Henredon's Schoonbeck Co. subsidiary. More views of this interpretation begin on page 72. Cover photograph by Bill Helms.

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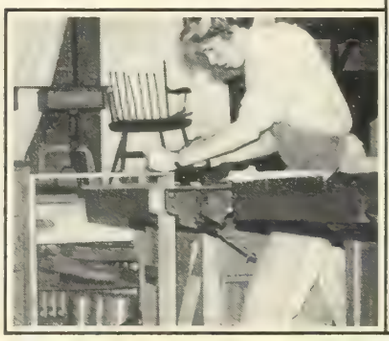
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By JOHN H. INGERSOLL □ Why should Headmaster Charles Watson of Hill School in Pottstown, Pa., say, "I stand in awe of a 15- or 16-year-old boy who can design and construct furniture of the finest quality"? What is so unusual about a teenager turning out a chair as if by Thomas Chippendale? To most of us, it is unusual. To Instructor Sam Bush of Hill, whose students are pictured at right, and Instructor Charles Half of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., (pictured below, far left, with one of his students) teenage woodworking talent is not all that rare. Half feels that in the past, teenagers didn't make inlaid chests, cabriole tables or cellos because no one told them they could. Half urges his students (male and female) to stretch beyond ABC projects, then works with them to overcome problems they encounter on the way. "Gaining self-confidence is as much a goal of our fine woodworking course as producing a usable product," says Half. "I'll give an 'A' to the student who expands his knowledge and aptitude by trying new things. I don't give as much credit for repeating the same project endlessly until it's perfect. At Lawrence, this is one course where students are not penalized for mistakes. "It may even seem as though I encourage mistakes," Half admits. "But it's through making mistakes that the students learn. To take pressure off them, we don't make anyone (*Continued on page 14*)





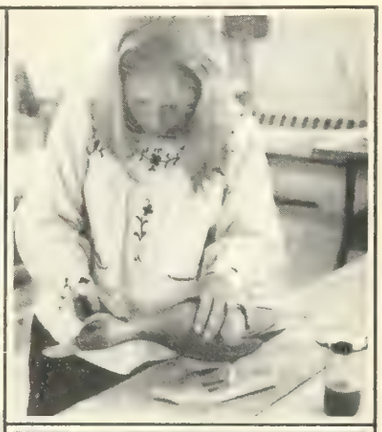




At Hill School, Spencer Dick** (above left) **finishes a table while John Joyce eyes an angle cut** (above right). **Below, Steve DeVine uses a hand plane; Stuart Emmons** (right) **polishes chair.

THREE PHOTOGRAPHS LEFT, JOHN H. INGERSOLL







Lawrence Academy Instructor Charles Half** (above left) **guides student John Kelley in turning hardwood bowl. Patricia Haskell** (upper right) **finishes butternut duck as Gregory Curtis** (right) **polishes the mahogany table he made.

Safe at home— when tots can't slide

By SUSAN SCHRAUB □ It takes a grownup to make a home accident-proof for preschoolers, children in that dangerous, get-into-everything age. The trick is to imagine you're a child while thinking like an adult. Try viewing the world the way a three-year-old would—from the bottom up. Picture those pots, pans and paper bags as treasure chests, drums and as airplane hangers—sometimes innocent, sometimes less so. By so doing, you can eliminate many potential hazards.

The New York City Department of Health and the General Electric Consumers Institute report that the most potentially dangerous rooms in the home are kitchen and bath. Most accidents occur there, and many can be avoided. The tips below will tell you how.

In the kitchen:

1. Put plastic insert plugs (available inexpensively at hardware and electrical appliance stores) in electrical outlets so children cannot insert finger nails or, worse, anything metal in the openings and get shocked. At the crawler stage, a socket can be a curiosity too good to pass up.

2. Don't allow electrical cords to dangle below counter level. From beneath, it looks like a rope. Imagine what one good tug could do if the other end of the cord is attached to an iron.

3. When cooking, do keep all pot handles turned toward the rear of the range. A saucepan makes an excellent racing helmet, but not when filled with hot soup.

4. Some homes have trash compactors and precocious children have been known to fill them with everything from the family silver to a pet (*Continued on page 14*)

How to make kitchen and bath safer for 'get-into-everything' preschoolers

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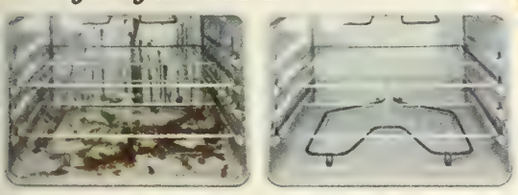
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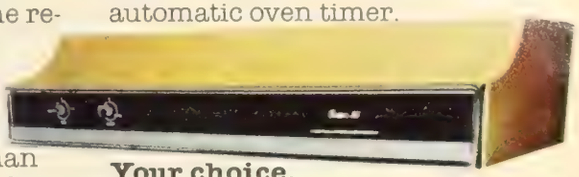
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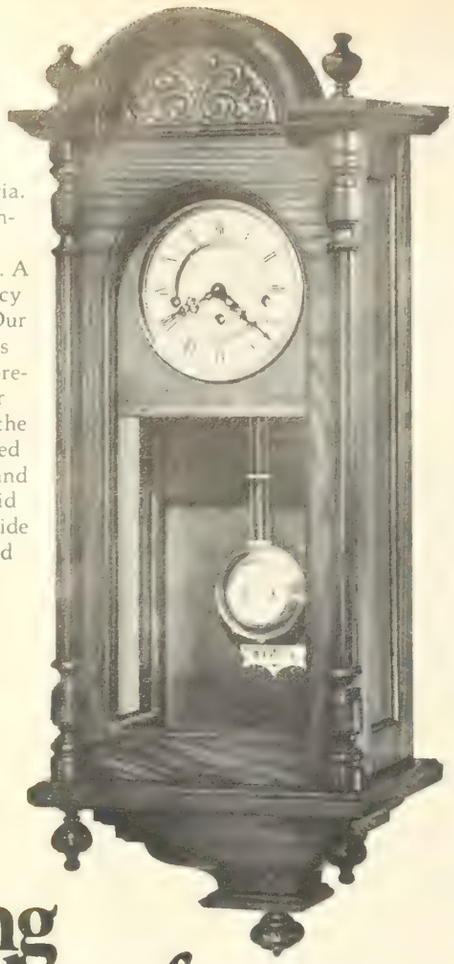
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pay for wood in a botched project. They only pay for materials in finished work taken out of the shop." A number of similarities exist in the programs at Lawrence and Hill. For example:

Students are required to draw their projects on paper before laying hand to wood. Both schools emphasize originality. In neither are there mandatory assignments. Students settle on what they want to make, design it with guidance from the instructors and build it, again with help when they run into a snag.

Since much of the work, particularly from Hill, resembles period pieces, the word "design" may seem inappropriate. Instructor Bush explains, "It's true that our boys hand make many pieces in traditional American style, but each is designed by a student. The finished work is not a reproduction. The process of copying an existing design, line for line, goes against the grain of the philosophy of our program."

"Some of our boys build traditional forms; others contemporary. Still others design and construct boats or musical instruments. Whatever the design, the student learns the road to his goal is one of self-control, imagination and perseverance."

There is one notable difference between the school courses. At Lawrence, stationary power tools are much in evidence. "I believe in letting the students use power equipment," says Half. He acknowledges the risk, but observes that students will never learn how to use the equipment unless they use it. "In six years, we've had only three serious injuries and all were repairable," he says. "Naturally, we have strict safety rules in the shop." On the other hand, Instructor Bush directs his students to use only hand tools. "We preserve the classic techniques of hand dovetailing, paneling, inlaying and carving—processes we feel help build strong character and accelerate maturity."

Fine woodworking has opened a new world for many students. At Lawrence, John Kelley had never made so much as a pine cutting board before he began Half's course. When we met him, he was finishing a handsome mahogany gun cabinet and beginning work on a laminated hardwood salad bowl. Earlier he completed a Welsh dresser for his mother. "There's no question the course has stretched me and made me more self-confident," he says. "Now that I know I can make my own furniture, I want to do it when I settle down after college."

Patricia Haskell is so enthusiastic over her new-found woodworking talents, she has plans to open a shop of her own after college. Patricia won two national awards for her work at Lawrence and took the Lawrence Academy Art Award upon graduation. This month she begins her freshman year at Boston University's Program in Artisanry, where she becomes one of the first three women admitted to these courses.

Only Hill and Lawrence, to our knowledge, maintain courses in fine wood-working at a high creative level. Yet, this small flame of interest nationwide may grow. It is certainly consistent with the ongoing sweep of attention on crafts.

As Headmaster Watson of Hill implies in his comment above, we have been underestimating the capabilities of teenagers. With direction, they are able to produce pieces as fine as that turned out by master cabinetmakers. That isn't so surprising if we look back in time. During the 14th century when craft guilds were getting underway, 12- and 13-year-olds apprenticed to craftsmen. By the time these youngsters reached 16, they were capable of superb work. Time has a way of catching up.

SAFE AT HOME

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gerbil. Many compactors have key locks to secure them when not in use. If your model has no lock, at least keep it closed tight.

5. Garbage disposers, too, can be irresistible to little hands. Probably the safest variety is the twist-top, where a metal stopper must be inserted and turned to activate the unit. Other models, however, have open holes with mechanisms that are turned on and off by a switch on the wall or under the counter. Metal stoppers are available for these, as well, to be inserted before the mechanism is activated. Available at hardware stores.

6. What is a mere pantry to you is the "heart of darkest Africa" to a pint-sized Livingstone. Keep bottles and jars safely back on the shelves and all toxic fluids well out of reach.

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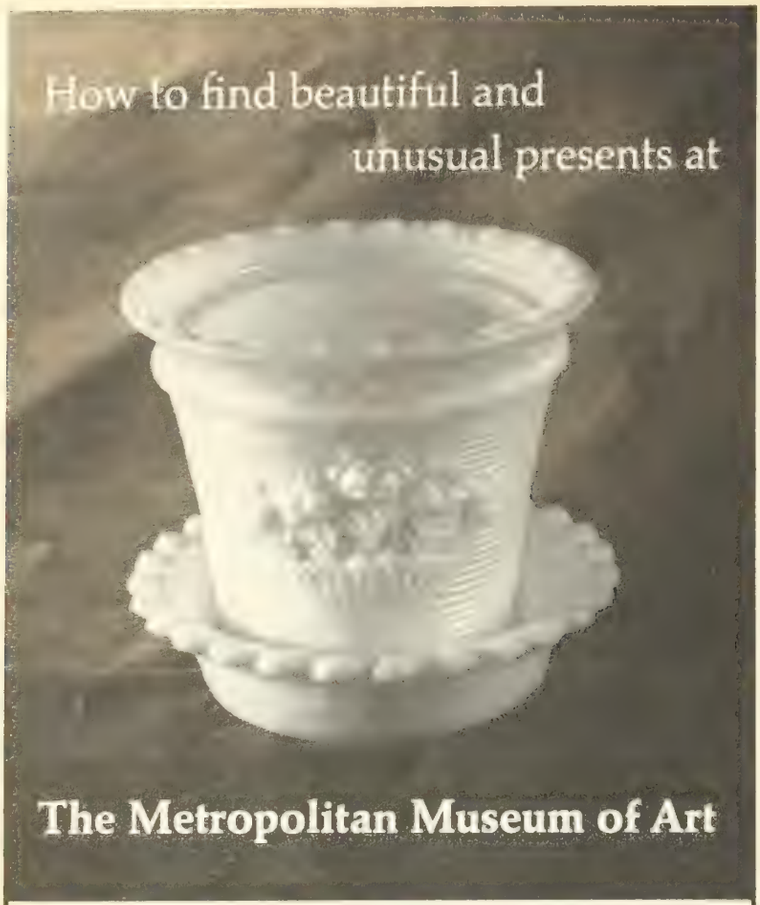
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2. Use only plastic or paper cups. Wet hands drop things easily. (This goes for adult hands, too.)
3. Keep all electrical appliances—no matter how small—away from water. When they're not in use, put them safely away. One child was heard to observe how much his mother's blow dryer resembled a toy submarine . . .
4. Don't leave glass jars of shampoo, rinse or bath oil (or anything breakable) on sink or tub ledge.
5. Anchor bathroom rugs to the floor with double-faced tape or a rubber underpad. They slip and slide easily—and so do quick-moving children. Take these ounces of prevention, add to them your own experience and, as always, store in unbreakable containers out of the reach of tots.

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books

The neophyte home do-it-yourselfer, like the neophyte cook, needs a library of good books to consult for "recipes." Here are some recently published volumes, possible additions for the "home improvement bookshelf."

■ **The Renovation Book** by Dan Browne (McGraw Hill, $14.95) gets right down to the nitty gritty of do-it-yourself remodeling. The author starts with how to demolish the old, then moves on to building the new—wiring, plumbing, flooring, carpentry, masonry, etc. Each project begins at the veritable beginning (how to hold a hammer, how to bring lumber into an 11th-floor apartment) and is explained in uncomplicated language accompanied by clear photographs.

■ **Recipes for Home Repair** by Alvin Ubell and Sam Bittman (New American Library, paperback, $2.95) contains the most direct and most helpful "how-to" advice we've seen. Each repair job is explained briefly and often amusingly; the utensils needed and ingredients required are listed and step-by-step instructions follow. Each task is accompanied by a clear sketch. A few flaws persist. For example, the authors take up four pages to describe repairs on asphalt tile, a material only rarely sold today. Or four pages on repairing screening laboriously when screen patches are sold in most hardware stores. But these are cavils over an essentially good book.

■ **The Homeowners Handbook of Power Tools** by Len Buckwalter (Funk & Wagnall's, $9.95) explains how to buy, operate and maintain the electric and gasoline operated tools that make the handyman's life so much easier. Saws, torches, grinders, sanders, mowers, etc. are all detailed for *safe* use and the author tells when to buy and when you should rent machinery.

■ Planning a new kitchen can be an adventure, but it pays to know what to expect. The best guide we have seen is Virginia Habeeb's **Thousands of Creative Kitchen Ideas** (Funk and Wagnalls, $13.95). The book, copiously illustrated with photographs, charts and floor plans, can help crystallize your thinking on kitchen planning. Included are multi-purpose and country kitchens, compact galleys and many in-betweens. You can learn about costs, how to draw up the kitchen of your dreams and how best to allocate space. A wealth of information is also included on cabinets, appliances, flooring, lighting and decor.

■ **Book of Successful Bathrooms** (Structures Publishing, $12 cloth, $4.95 paperback) by Joseph F. Schram is more than anything else an idea book. If, after turning its 125 pages of color and black-and-white photos (at least one every two pages), you fail to see a usable idea, your present bath must already be fit for a queen and king. Text is readable and concise.

■ **How to Make Your House Behave** by Tom Philbin (Golden Press, $9.95) is a directory of home-related facts for the new owner or renter. In somewhat oversimplified form, the information includes material and maintenance charts and how-to instructions for minor house repairs, plus an abbreviated section on decorating your home.

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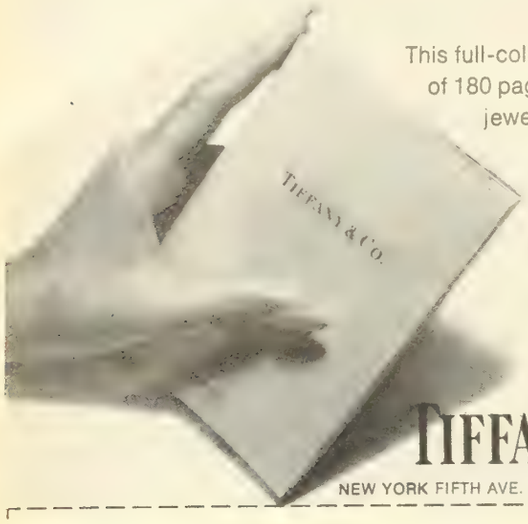
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■ **The Building a New, Buying an Old, Remodeling a Used Comprehensive Home and Shelter How-to-do-It Book** by Gary Paulsen (Prentice-Hall, $9.95) is a book to read *before* you build, buy or remodel. This is not a follow-along project book, but a background text that provides the handy hints you should know prior to making that first hole in the wall or hiring the first contractor listed in the yellow pages. Paulsen has rated the common building tasks so you can determine which chores you can reasonably expect to accomplish yourself and he explains the workings of intricate household systems—heating, plumbing, electricity.

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In the middle of the 18th century, American women had achieved a status they would not regain until our own time. Women could argue cases in the courts, form political organizations and engage in every occupation open to men—from barber to soldier to physician—and at equal pay.

But from 1750 to 1815, while America was achieving independence and growing economically, the status of women declined to the point where, in 1776, Abigail Adams felt compelled to write to her husband, John: ". . . in the new code of laws I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be (*Continued*)

Susanna Haswell Rowson (c.1762-1824) is best known as the author of Charlotte Temple, *the first American best-seller. Through her novels, she was one of the earliest to voice a subtle protest against the dependent role of women in her day.*





The chatelaine, a status symbol, was a feminine ornament worn as a costume accessory. Silver example at left (1799) was made for holding fine sewing tools and was an appropriate gift for the needlewoman. It rests on a detailed petticoat made by Ann Marsh.

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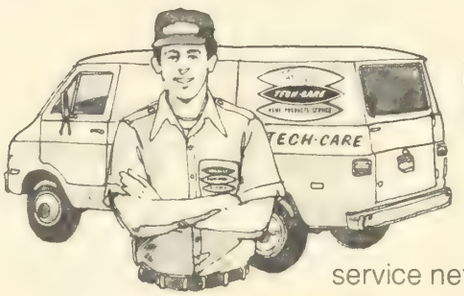
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During 1976-77, to honor Abigail and all the forgotten and overlooked founding women, the first comprehensive exhibition on women's role in the American Revolution is being held. The exhibition takes its name from Mrs. Adams' above-mentioned plea and is entitled *". . . Remember the Ladies . . ." Women in America 1750-1815.*

The exhibition, jointly sponsored by Clairol Inc. and Phillip Morris Inc., is designed to fill the gap in our nation's history by providing a view of women from all walks of life whose role in the creation of American independence has been virtually forgotten. A major section will detail the heroism of the



Mercy Otis Warren, most prominent female intellectual in Revolutionary America, was, like most women of her class, well-trained in fine needlework. Top of card table (left) is an example of her embroidery skills.

In 1765, George Washington ordered from London: "Canvas for 1 doz^n Chair bottoms . . . Dark shades of yellow worsted for working cross Stitch . . ." Cushion (right) is from set made with the fabric by Martha Washington.



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Revolutionary women who made guns as well as flags and who became spies, scouts, smugglers and soldiers for the Continental Army. Other parts will examine the domestic life and fluctuating status of all women—American Indians, society wives, working women, slaves—from the Revolution to the height of the Republican era.

Many of the documents, artifacts and works of art in the show are on loan from private collections, museums and historical societies and will be on public view for the first time. Highlights of the exhibition (some are pictured here and on page 20) include: a first edition of feminist Mercy Otis Warren's "History of the American Revolution," (the first such history) with her notations; Abigail Adams' cookbook and crucial papers; an oil portrait of Deborah Sampson Gamnett, who actively fought in the Revolution; a ball gown that belonged to Dolly Madison; an exceptional collection of women's art, both painting and needlework, and a wealth of portraits, engravings, artifacts, costumes and furnishings.

". . . Remember the Ladies . . ." opened in Plymouth, Mass., on June 30 and will remain there until Sept. 26. The exhibit then travels to The High Museum of Art in Atlanta (Oct. 16 to Nov. 14), the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. (Dec. 1 to Dec. 31), the Chicago Historical Society, Chicago (Jan. 17 to Feb. 20, 1977), the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, Austin, Texas (March 14 to April 24, 1977), and the New-York Historical Society, New York City (May 7 to June 15, 1977). An illustrated catalogue containing essays by exhibition Historian Linda Grant DePauw and Curator K. Conover Hunt has been published by the Viking Press.—ELIZABETH V. WARREN ■

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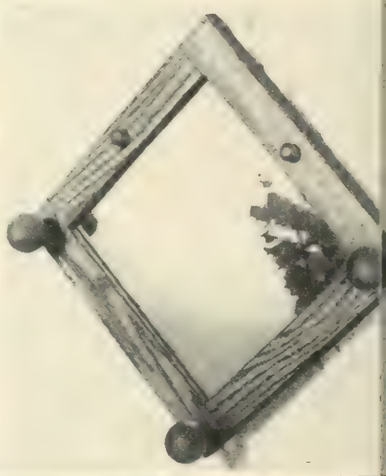
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Solid oak-framed mirror (right) has a getting-back-to-basics country look. The oil-rubbed frame is topped by three finial knobs. Its small size, almost 12 inches square, lets it be placed on any small wall space. From Counselor's "Country Collectibles" accessories line that includes waste baskets, hampers, shelves and towel racks. Mirror, $20.





Say it with roses on a white porcelain tr and matching lotion bottle (left). Jackson "Love Collection" strewn with orange or yellow roses in a diagonal design. Fro bath accessories line of about 12 item including a small cachepot. Tray, $1; lotion bottle, $5. By Joseph A. Kapla

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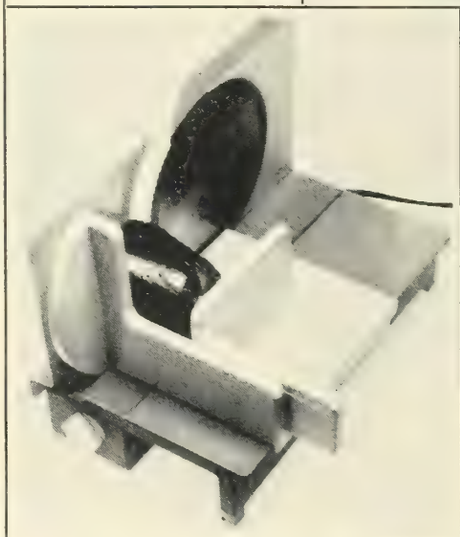
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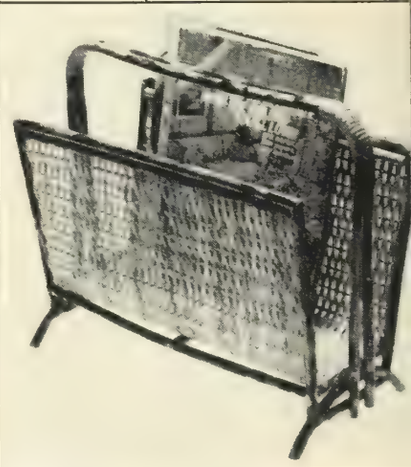
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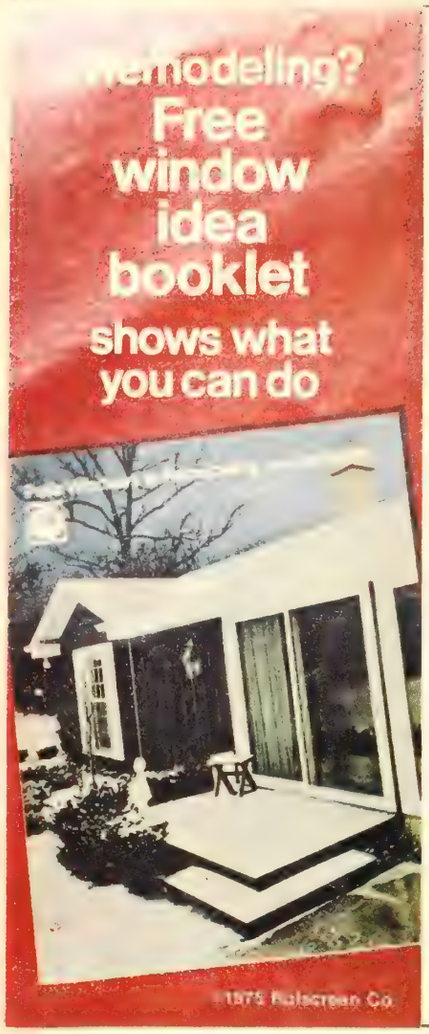
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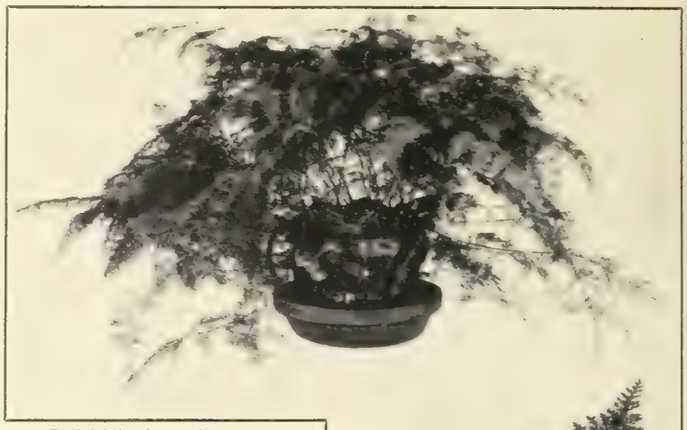
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Here's a furry-footed fern that looks difficult to grow—but isn't

If you've ever had bad luck with ferns, try the rabbit's-foot. Among ferns that are both showy and delicate in appearance, it is the easiest to grow, the most likely to succeed in a variety of conditions. The gardening cognoscenti have known this for years, but now you don't have to be an insider to find a *Davallia fejeensis* (duh-VAL-lee-uh fee-JEEN-sis) to adopt as your own. Better plant shops all over the country regularly stock—or can get—rabbit's foot ferns. ***Small, young ones in three- or four-inch pots are not expensive, but for an aged specimen like that shown above, which is about two feet in diameter, don't be shocked at a price in the neighborhood of $75.*** This is because it takes several years to grow a specimen rabbit's-foot, during which time the grower invests a lot of effort and expense in the fern—and usually develops such a fondness for it that parting is not easy.

The name rabbit's-foot refers to the pencil-thick rhizomes that creep along the soil surface and are covered with silvery brown hairs. Roots grow downward from the rhizomes, but not deeply, so this fern needs only a shallow pot or hanging basket. The graceful fiddleheads grow upward from the rhizomes, slowly unfurling into intricately cut fronds of fresh green. Since the rhizomes creep across the soil surface and then down around the sides of the container, clay is a better choice than plastic, because clay's moist surface encourages better growth.

Davallia needs bright natural light, but little or no direct sun. It will grow to perfection in a north window, just to the side of or a few feet back from a sunny east, south or west exposure, or in a fluorescent-light garden. Average house temperatures are fine, although a drop to 55-65° F. at night is ideal during the winter heating season. Avoid hanging in a draft of hot, dry air. For best growth, maintain humidity of 40% or more; frequent misting helps. Russell C. Mott in his excellent *Total Book of House Plants* (Delacorte Press, $16.95) recommends a growing medium composed of equal parts sphagnum peat moss, vermiculite and perlite; to four quarts of this mix, add two teaspoons *each* of 5-10-5 fertilizer and superphosphate and three teaspoons of ground limestone. ***Keep the growing medium nicely moist; avoid extremes of dryness or wetness.*** Prematurely withered, yellowed or brown fronds result from letting soil become too dry or from excessive heat combined with a dry atmosphere. To propagate, cut a piece of rhizome and pin it on top of moist soil; keep in plastic until established. Feed once a month with fish emulsion fertilizer □ By ELVIN McDONALD

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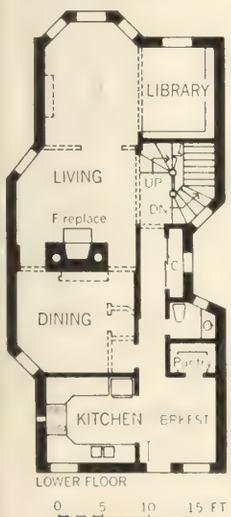
Remodeling: IT'S HOME IMPROVEMENT TIME

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Editor JOHN H. INGERSOLL □ **Bettering one's home has practically become an American institution, especially every spring and fall. This nearly irrefutable fact inspires our semi-annual reports on remodeling each September and May. This month we bring you a townhouse that was converted from rabbit-warren rooms to spacious 1976 grace, an encouraging report on assessments, an update on new building materials and a lively sprinkling of money-saving ideas throughout. As you close in on a decision to reshape your kitchen or create storage space where there isn't any, it is likely you'll want advice on specifics. You'll not do better than to call a contractor-member of the National Home Improvement Council. Now celebrating its 20th anniversary, NHIC is an amalgam of contractors, distributors, manufacturers and specialists involved in remodeling. It now has a membership of nearly 2,000 and chapters in most major metropolitan centers in the nation. Contact the chapter offices for names of members in your community who can best answer your questions and complete the work you want done. Chapter offices are also good sources of information on general questions such as when building permits are needed, whether you'll have to pay for estimates. In fact, NHIC members counseled us on this report.**

19TH-CENTURY TOWNHOUSE FACES A NEW LIFE WITH 1976 POLISH





Dreams do come true. Before this spacious Chicago townhouse was renovated, it contained a trio of floor-through apartments, and each with a scattering of cramped rooms. While renting one of these single-floor flats, the present owners spun dreams of how they'd remodel the building if (later, *when*) they bought it.

Such healthy fantasizing was encouraged by a friend of theirs, Architect Michael Rosen, who explored the potentials with them over a number of late-evening coffees. Rosen, a partner in

Their enthusiasm mounted when they visualized open space where walls once stood

Rosen and Horwitz of Chicago, is deeply interested in preserving old houses. First, he assured his friends, a young couple, both of whom work, that the 90-year-old house was sound. Their enthusiasm mounted when the three of them began to envision open space where the walls then stood. At right is a glimpse of the outcome. A ceiling came (*Continued*)

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Ceiling, Victorian casings and a fireplace once sited behind tapestry were swept away to make this light-filled room* (right) *also shown at top of lower plan* (above). *The dotted lines outline former walls.





New fireplace (left) is a lightweight prefabricated unit easily placed in the center of second floor without creating weight problems. Behind it is the dining space, seen fully at right. Handsome ceiling fixtures and spots for lighting paintings are on dimmers. Glass shelves on white wooden uprights in the den (below) heighten the sense of space. Existing oak floor was patched, then laboriously refinished. Novel square-mounted track lighting by Halo.

An intimate group by the fireplace is made even more so by different ceiling heights

down between the two sets of three windows, and then a wall was removed from a point behind the corner of the couch. Another wall was ripped out at about the location where the fireplace now sits and the den (*right*) was opened by removing yet a third wall.

This wholesale removal of walls and one ceiling produced a flow of space that is daylight-filled, airy and appears larger than its true dimensions. Today, the entire living/dining area—from the six windows in the bay at the front of the house to dining space in the rear—is one space. Yet there remains a clear sense of separation of

Light-filled, airy and attractive, the living and dining areas are now one river of space

function. Dining is defined by three walls and a fireplace. Two sitting areas are divided visually by ceiling heights.

The easy furniture grouping spread before the fireplace is more intimate beneath a conventional ceiling height. The two-story space in back of the couch is more lively, open and



temporal—much like a parlor where one receives the community fund drive leader. A den/library, though open to the two-story well, is out of main flow of space, a calm and quiet inlet off a smooth-running river. Much of this feeling, and the furnishings that complement it, are the inspiration of Space Planner Eva Maddox.

Cooperation and practical thinking also smoothed the way to buying the house. During

A practical approach eased the cost of modernization

their dreaming stage, the owners quickly settled on a plan to take over the second and third floors (and the basement) for their own quarters and to rent the first-level apartment to help pay the mortgage.

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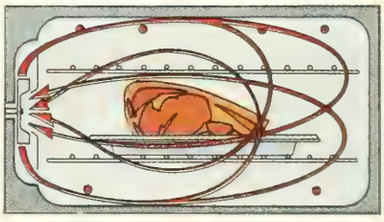
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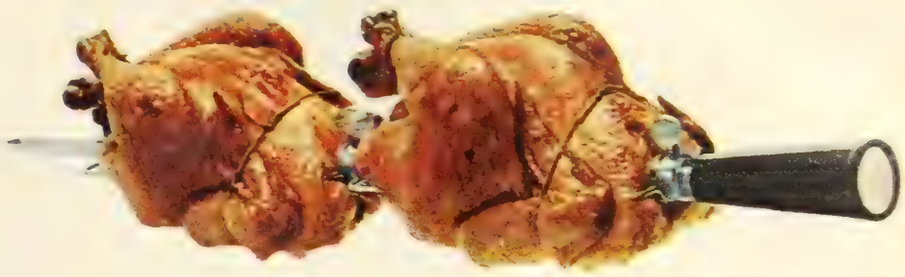
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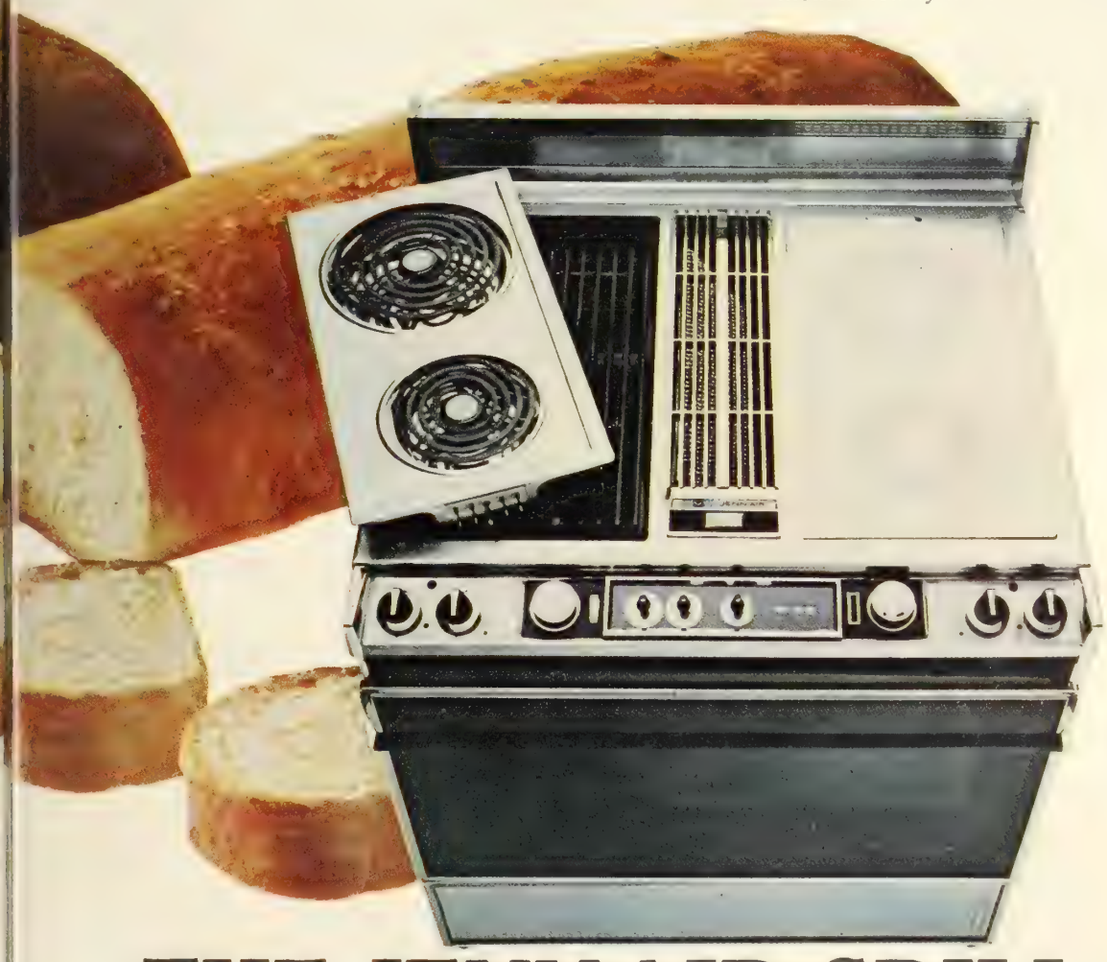
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plaster dust, owners settled in with a marvelously eclectic collection of furniture. Some of it is new and chosen specifically for the opened spaces; others are family hand-me-downs. This mix rests in harmony here because of the uncrowded environment and the selective choices. Natural brick also helps open the spaces visually." Two splashes of fire-engine red—on the stair railing and the metal fireplace chimney—set up an engaging contrast.

On the third floor are two completed bedrooms, a large hall overlooking the living area and stairwell and a third room variously called the art room, spare room or storage room. At the moment, the expanded area in the hall is a nursery as it's closest to the master bedroom.



Old plaster was scraped and wire-brushed from the structural brick wall seen in this master bath (left), leaving behind a lovely decoratively textured wall. New skylight in the ceiling offers an outdoor atmosphere for plants and people. Ceramic-mosaic tile on wall and tub was set by owners.

A new bath with a natural look

Skylights and cut-out walls bring new light to once-gloomy interiors



Though old in concept, ceiling fan is new in master bedroom (right). Besides being decorative, it stirs summer air in a house that's not as yet air-conditioned. White shutters close off wall opening to the living area when privacy is required.

shows to good advantage in the bath (*above*) and in the kitchen (*not shown*). Elsewhere on the second floor (first level of their house), all the walls are white.

"We wanted a clean background for the art we have now and hope to collect in the future," say the owners. "White

New skylights over the hall and master bath shed new light onto what were once gloomy spaces. To gain daylight in the master bedroom (*above*), an opening was cut into wall facing the front of the house. New heating was installed, but no air conditioning was added. ■

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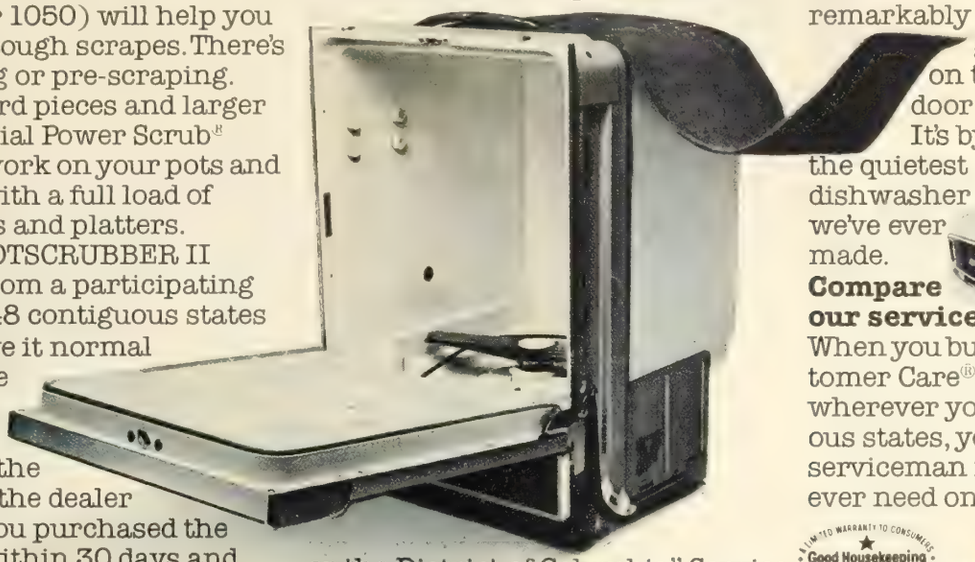
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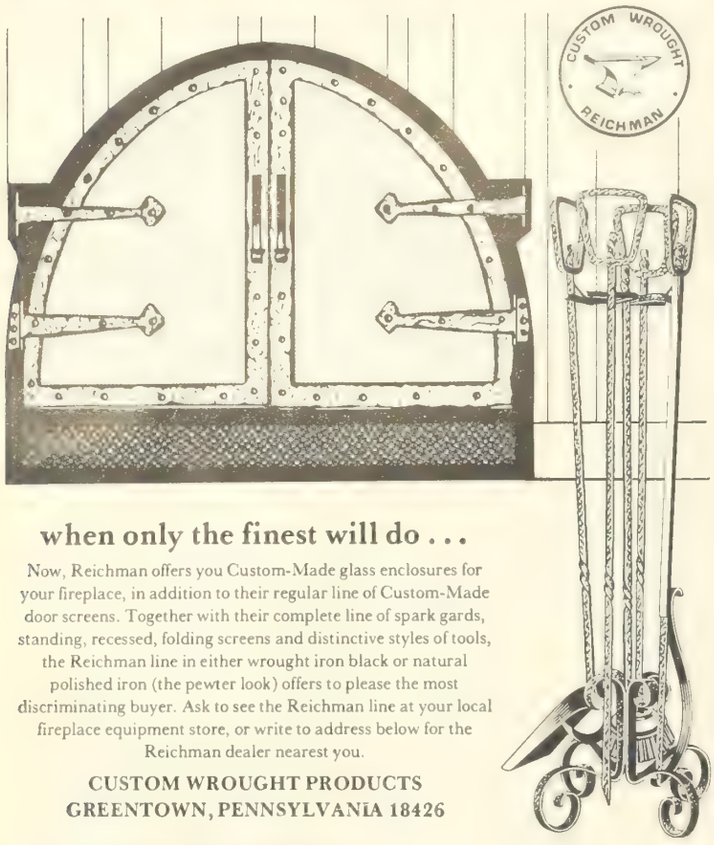
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At least one county in the United States offers relief to homeowners. Last year, Cook County, Ill., residents saw legislation passed that lets them make up to $15,000 in home improvements each year with no increase in assessments or property taxes during the succeeding four-year period. County Assessor Thomas Tully says the law could save owners as much as $400 a year. "We also are cutting red tape by automatically exempting improvements to existing homes under the provisions of this law. The homeowner won't have to fill out any forms for the exemption. We will notify by mail those who qualify for the tax savings."

The Cook County move was preceded by enabling legislation from state lawmakers. The state permits tax abatement in municipalities of more than one million population.

One Illinois county ruling could save the homeowner up to $400 a year in taxes

In New York State, legislators went further. There, a similar enabling act permits any local government to pass a tax abatement. At this writing, no local laws have been passed, but officials of the National Home Improvement Council and the National Association of Realtors, who have been working for passage of these laws, feel confident of enactment soon.

Other state lawmakers are viewing the experience in Cook County. If the idea sounds good to you, let someone know.

Not everyone understands which remodelings are eligible for reassessment and which are not. The views of assessors vary from state to state and county to county, but a rule of thumb persists throughout the nation: If a building permit is required for the work, a reassessment will follow. Another guide: If a wall is broken through or removed, this work will almost surely be reassessed.

Property improvements in the form of maintenance are rarely taxable. What is maintenance? House painting, for one. A new roof, new flooring or wallcovering, the replacement of bath fixtures or kitchen appliances all fall under the maintenance banner. New siding is a borderline case. So is replacing your old kitchen cabinets with new ones.

Adding a bedroom or bath,

If a building permit was needed, expect a reassessment

converting a porch into a year-round room or producing living space in a garage are clearly on the tax side of the ledger.

Few residences in the country are taxed at full value, and reassessments of improvements never equal the cost of the improvement. One example: A house is valued at $50,000. The owners add a new bath at a cost of $6,500. The assessor visits, then announces that the house is now valued at $52,100. Addition of $2,100 to the total represents his appraisal of the value the new bath adds.

A new assessment, while seldom equal to market value, is a reflection of market value. The ratio between $50,000 and $2,100 in the example above would more than likely be the same as the ratio between the actual selling price before and after the addition of the bath.

In a proposed federal law, energy-saving improvements would bring tax deduction

Tax savings may come soon from another source, the federal government. A bill to provide owners with a tax deduction for making energy-saving improvements has been before Congress over a year. The allowance would be for such energy-saving basics as insulation, caulking and for installation of energy-saving equipment. ■

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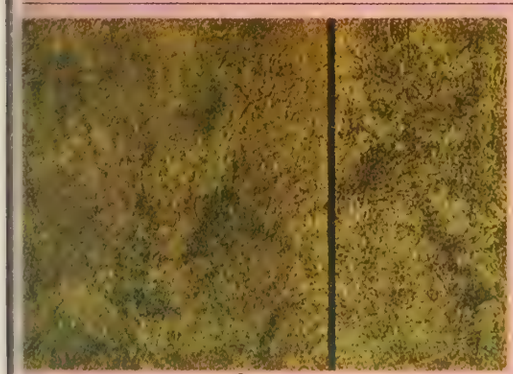
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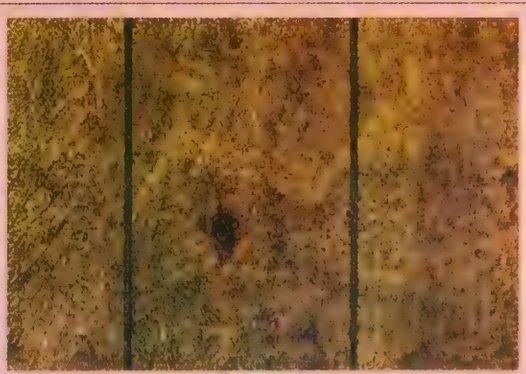
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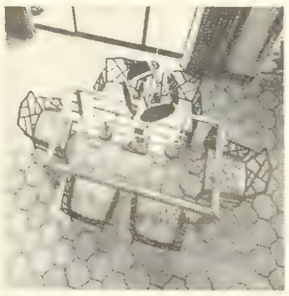
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These families have found that under good lighting, good decorating looks superb and under poor illumination, good decor may look only good at best and drab at worst. If the appearance of every room in a dwelling depends so much on light for its visual impact, one wonders why lighting is so often an afterthought in remodeling plans. Yet, it is understandable. To choose a wallpaper or carpet or wing chair, we look and compare. There is no way to look at and compare light. It is only the effect of light we experience.

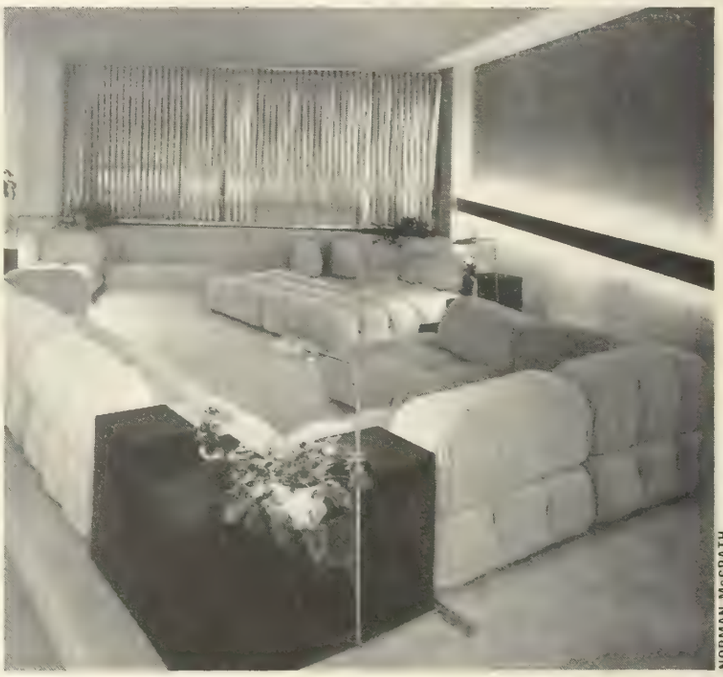
For many of us, it isn't until the fixtures are installed, the remodeling completed and the furniture in place that we see what the light is doing for the room. But have faith. You do not have to guess about light. There are three ways to help lay out a good lighting plan.

1. Ask a professional for advice. Lighting designers are the best qualified, if you can find one. This is a relatively new field, and there aren't that many lighting designers in business yet. They operate on somewhat the same fee basis as do architects.

Architects and interior designers—some of them—can help you. Before hiring one, determine how much lighting work they've done, and if you can, review the work yourself. Unfortunately, some know next to nothing about lighting design.

2. Get professional help free. Most of us are inclined to be suspect of free advice. In this case, you might come off a winner. A great many electric utilities offer free advice on lighting design—and as a general rule, it's good advice.

A few lighting fixtures showrooms retain designers on staff to help you. Like design service in many stores, (*Continued*)



NORMAN McGRATH

Little of the artificial lighting in William DiGiacomo's elegant Manhattan apartment is higher than 3½ feet from floor—a position used by Designers Der Scutt, AIA, and Susan Forbes, ASID, to help give the space a sense of intimacy. A flow of vertical Mylar blinds furthers the feeling and shuts out a drab view.

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it's often free if you buy all of your fixtures from that showroom. Most showroom managers expect their salespersons to give you design advice. The quality of that advice is spotty. Salespeople know their products but generally do not have the training for lighting design.

3. Learn the fundamentals and use your own decorating talents to shed light on the solution. Lighting designers have developed a knee-jerk reaction to

Many local utilities offer free advice on lighting design

many facets of illumination because they've had to face the same problems year after year. Here is a sampling:

• A room with only portable fixtures is, *ipso facto*, poorly illuminated. Some of the more radical designers would just do away with all portables. The moderates see every good reason to combine portables with built-in lighting—the first to complement decorating and the second to do the work.

• A bath or kitchen with a single fixture is depressingly underlit. It's not difficult to appreciate this opinion if you have lived in such a house (see page 47).

• Colored bulbs or tubes used for decorative effects are categorically wrong. Except for holiday lights or a yellow "bug light" outdoors, colored bulbs rarely shed the aura intended.

Room by room, here are general (Continued on page 47)



Lattice-held diffuser sheds an even light over this stairwell, blending function and beauty in a single smart move. Photos here and the ones below are in the house of Photographer Ernest Silva and his family.



Illuminated shelf wraps a modeling glow all around the collection on the shelf and simultaneously washes the wall in soft light. Source of light beneath diffusers and throughout Silva house is from Vita-Lite fluorescents by Duro-Lite. Interior Designer was John Backstein, ASID.



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A portion of Mrs. Silva's Oriental collecton shows to beautiful advantage in this illuminated niche placed at one end of the living room. Tubes were carefully hidden above the upper edge of niche to avoid glare.

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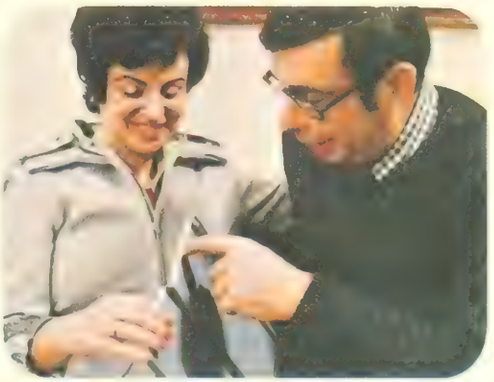


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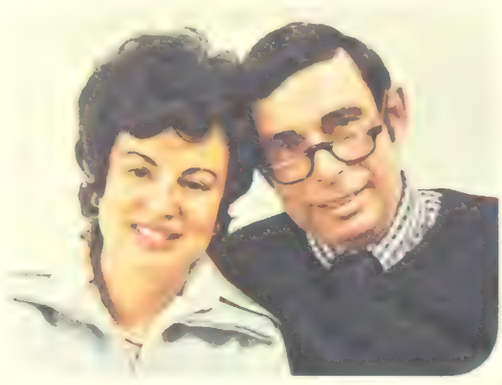
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suggestions for light to make life more interesting.

Living room: Use portable fixtures as a part of your decorating and to shed a warm glow in the space. Use ceiling built-ins or track lighting to give general lighting, with spots for specific purposes—illumination for a piano, artwork, reading, highlighting a wall or fireplace.

Dining room: Have a decorative chandelier, by all means, but on a dimmer to prevent glare, and think of wall sconces in this same way. Use built-in-downlights over the table for drama.

Master bedroom: Plan a mixture of built-in fixtures with portable lights for specific tasks—reading, sewing, make-up—all on dimmers for romance.

Kitchen: You need general illumination overhead, plus under-cabinet built-ins for adequate light on counters and downlights over sink and range.

Bath: Include general illumination as well as an overhead mirror light (a soffit light is good), a built-in reading light over the commode and a waterproof shower light.

Besides serving a practical function and giving a room visual impact, lighting also can affect its sense of space. Lighting the walls—with "wall-washing" spots built into the ceiling or installed behind a cove or valance shield—will make a space seem larger. Subdued light on walls combined with pools of light from built-in ceiling spots can give a space a great sense of intimacy.

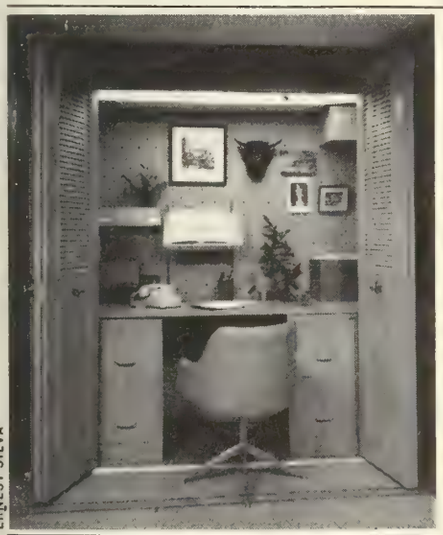
And, as a last thought, don't forget dimmers. This one small instrument, which is inexpensive to add, can pave the way to a mood-setting environment. ■

Lighting can make a room seem larger —or more intimate

Most rooms need both general and specific lighting



Remodeled bath comes alive with lighting ideas such as back-lit shelving on the left, dramatizing a shell collection. Tubes were installed vertically behind the diffuser. The soffit light over mirror and basin hangs free and can be lowered or raised. The Silvas decorated mirror frame.



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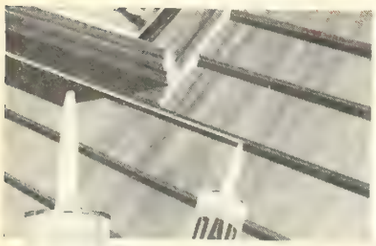




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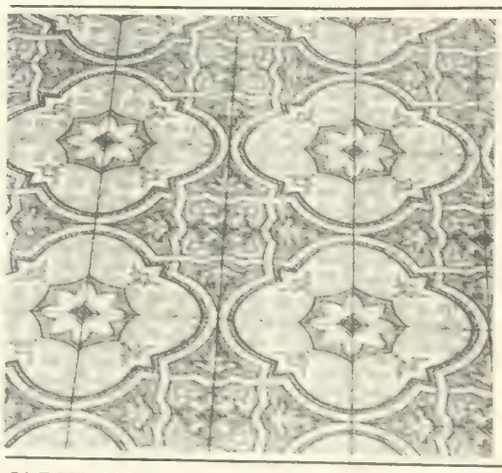
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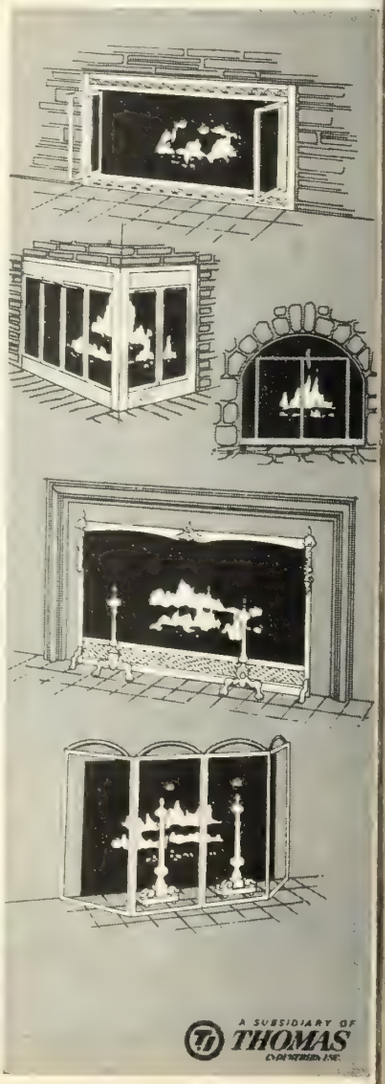
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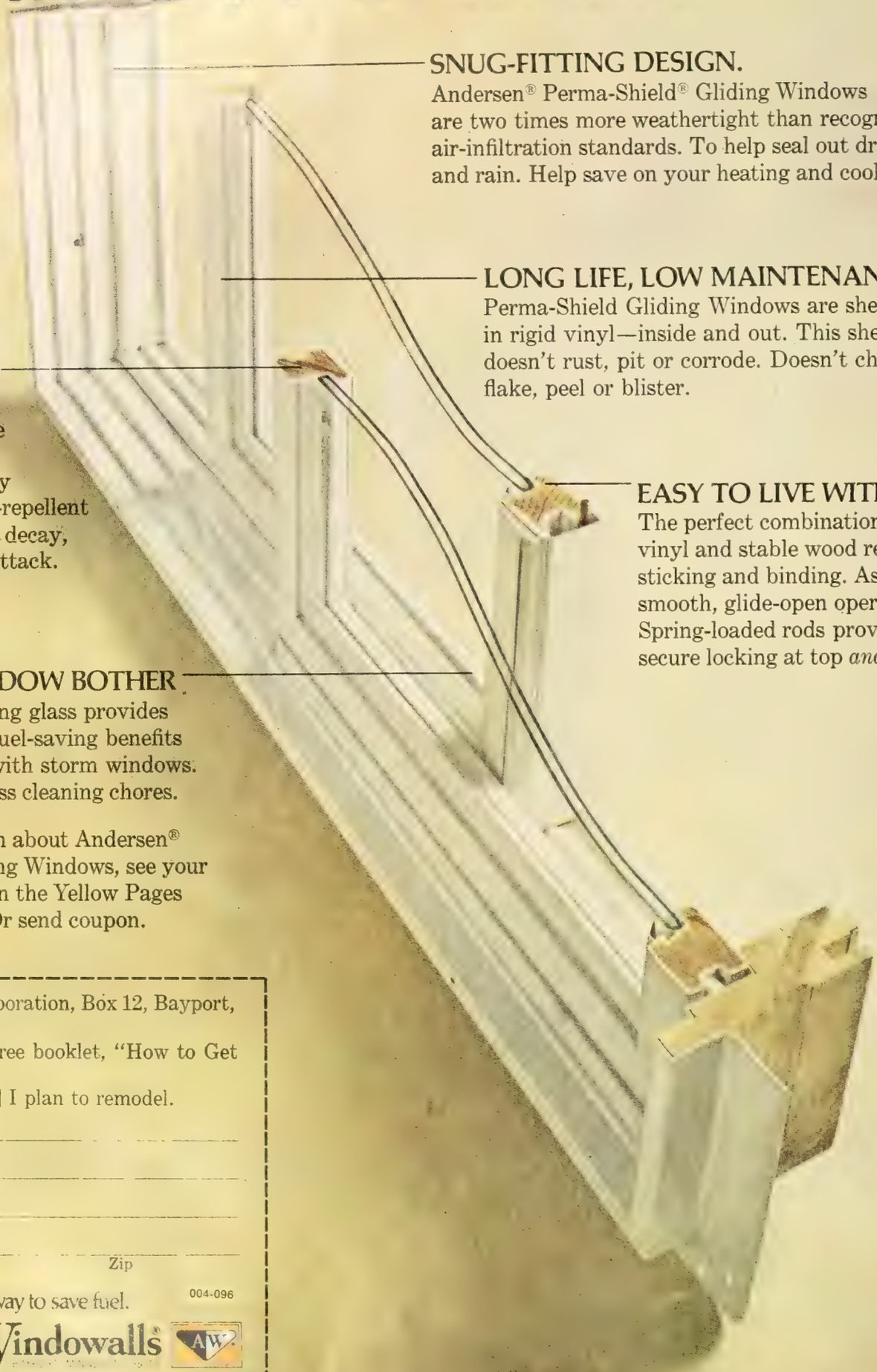
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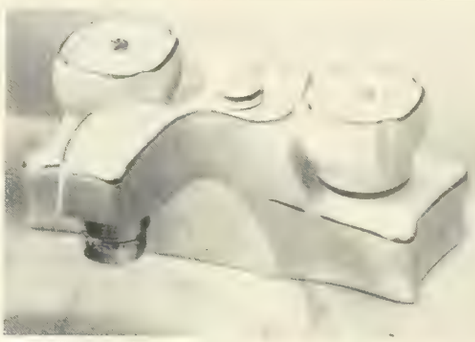
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TEXTURED WALLS and ceilings aren't difficult to produce once you know how. Georgia-Pacific explains it all in a new booklet called "Do-it-yourself . . . Wall & Ceiling Texturing." Texture styles discussed include swirl, stipple, orange peel, brocade and rough. For a free copy, write: R.E. Morse, Georgia-Pacific Corp., 900 S.W. Fifth Ave., Portland, Ore. 97204.

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VERMONT, STATE UNDER A FINE HEAD OF STEAM

By MARION GOUGH □ Right now, up in Vermont, you can hop a ride to yesterday, rolling off in a cloud of smoke the way Grandad used to do, and have the time of your life doing it. We're talking about the Bicentennial Steam Train, "The Spirit of Ethan Allen," a 50-year-old steam engine grandly resuscitated and pulling a string of reconditioned old cars—a travel junket that puts nostalgia on wheels for the old folks and is sheer fascination for the young.

With chug, pull and whistle it wends its way through farmland and Ethan Allen's Green Mountains from Bennington up to Burlington and back, stopping en route at oldtime stations. You can make the 245-mile return trip in a day or string out the journey as long as you wish. ***And this fine,*** cindery, roaring ride, in clean, cozy old coaches with food service available, stands you $15.75 round trip from Bennington to Burlington, children under 12 half fare, under five free. This route runs until October 17. (In high summer, the route is Bellows Falls to Burlington). For more information: Steam Train, Montpelier, Vt. 05602. Phone is: 802-828-2236. To make junket even trainier, Amtrak's Washington-Montreal route could leave you on the scene. ***Vermont is real*** *country* country, dyed-in-the-wool America, replete with small towns that haven't lost their tree-lined streets and village squares. It's meadows and mountains, covered bridges, maple syrup and pancakes, marble quarries and horse farms, and in October the whole state blazes with its famous red and gold foliage.

Old country inns are not the least of Vermont's charms and these have been ingeniously woven into a six-day-five-night steam train tour, Bennington to Middlebury and back, that would keep any family happy. Tab for this is $158, including breakfast and dinner, taxis, tips and transportation.

The train choo-choos out of Bennington at 4 p.m. on Sunday, leaving your parked car behind for the duration. (Bennington is Grandma Moses country and home of the famous pottery; wisdom suggests allowing some time here.) An hour and a half later, you're in the time-honored mountain resort of Manchester, putting up at The 1811 House, a colonial brick beauty with manicured gardens and Vermont rock maple four-posters to sleep in. You catch the train at 5:25 p.m. on Monday, so there's all day to explore, ride a ski lift over a mountain, play golf or tennis at the Equinox Country Club.

Monday's train ride takes you to Rutland in the evening and a drive to the shingled Tulip Tree Inn, high in the mountains near Chittenden. It's furnished in antiques, dinner's by candlelight and when morning comes, there's a pancake breakfast and time to trout-fish in East Brook outside the front door or go for landlocked salmon in the Chittenden Reservoir. Take a gondola ride to the top of Killington Mountain, visit a marble quarry, ride a horse.

Tuesday evening you chug off for Brandon and the Churchill House Inn, an 1871 farmhouse that hasn't lost its flavor: iron bedsteads, Franklin stoves and family-style dining at a big oak table loaded with fresh bread and garden vegetables.

Because of its 19th-century houses and tree-shaded streets, Brandon has been called "The drawing room of New England." You've time to see for yourself before the train steams off to Shelburne Wednesday evening.

The Shelburne Inn and New Motel is an early 1800s Inn with an up-to-date surround of a motel, but it keeps its old flavor gracefully. The town is four-starred for antiquers. It's the home of the Shelburne Museum, a major respository of Early Americana and folk art displayed in 35 Early American buildings, all of which makes it worth a day's stopover (which adds $26 to the tour price). ***Thursday morning*** a one-hour train ride takes you to Middlebury and the Middlebury Inn, an 1827 hostelry that over the years has kept its hand in at popovers and fruit pies and maple-cured Vermont ham. The college town has a certain fame for the Frog Hollow Crafts Center and an illustrious book shop. Nearby and not to be missed is the Morgan Horse Farm.

Friday morning at 9:55, it's all aboard the "Spirit of Ethan Allen" for the four-hour return trip to Bennington, a fine reprise of the Vermont landscape.

Besides this six-day tour, there's a weekend steam train and country inn itinerary at $30 a day, train ticket not included. For more information on these tours: Mike Shonstrom, Churchill House Inn, RFD 3, Brandon, Vt. 05733. Phone: 802-247-3300. ■

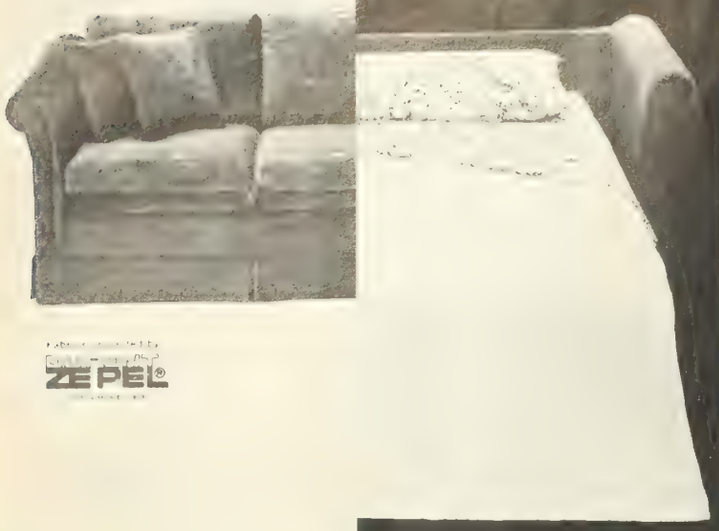


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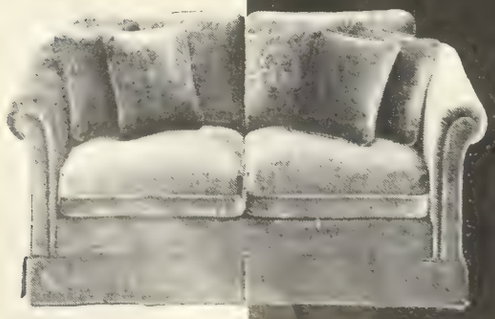


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NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT HARDY BULBS FOR BLOOMS NEXT WINTER & SPRING INDOORS OR OUTDOORS

By ELVIN McDONALD □ There are essentially three ways to grow spring-flowering bulbs like the ones shown in color on pages 88-89: (1) Plant the bulbs outdoors in the ground in autumn where you want them to bloom next spring; (2) plant the bulbs in pots, tubs or other containers outdoors in autumn and as they come into bud the next spring, move them wherever you'd like blooms, indoors or outdoors; (3) plant the bulbs in pots in autumn, and leave in a dark, cool place for eight to 12 weeks to allow root formation, then bring to indoor warmth and sun to force into winter bloom.

Most hardy, spring-flowering bulbs planted in the ground need almost no care after the first planting. Drift some daffodils, scillas, crocus, aconites and snow drops and species tulips in meadow areas where they will come up and bloom while the grass is short in spring. Even if the grass is to be mowed, by the time it grows up, or just a little later, the bulb foliage will have matured so that clipping is not harmful.

Near the house, there is always room for casually bunching daffodils and other spring bulbs. Only the show-size hybird tulips, the Darwin and breeder types and the Dutch hyacinths seem to require formal plantings, but even these can be placed in small or large groupings wherever you want spring flowers. Plant in sun or under deciduous trees whose leaves will not be then developed enough to give too much shade. Ideally, bulbs need deeply prepared, well-drained soil, but they will endure conditions that are far from perfect, returning spring after spring with the most welcome flowers of the season—those that come first.

Weeks before the "major" bulbs—hyacinths, daffodils and tulips—give a burst of bloom, the "minor" bulbs will splash their welcome color over the cold, damp earth. All grow only a few inches tall, all grow from small bulbs you plant two or three inches deep outdoors in autumn. Besides crocus, these include golden winter aconite, blue scilla, snow-flake, glory-of-the-snow, grape-hyacinth, hardy bulbous *Iris reticulata* and *I. danfordiae,* snowdrops and numerous others. After the blooms fade, you can forget them until the following spring. Just try not to dig into bulbs when planting summer flowers over them.

The big Dutch hybrid hyacinths look best in clumps of three or more or in formal beds or rows at least three deep. Early fall is the ideal planting season. In spring, as the blooms begin to fade, seedlings of annuals like petunias, verbenas or phlox may be interplanted for flowers all summer. But leave the hyacinth foliage until it has turned yellow.

The poet saw a "host of golden daffodils," but that was a long time ago. Today he might see them in snowy white or luscious pink. Or frilled, doubled, bicolored or split (without the typical cup) or as big as a saucer. In the cultivated garden, daffodils are prettiest when planted in clumps of at least six of one variety, spaced six inches apart, six inches deep. Early fall is the time to plant.

Daffodil hybrids and the charming species types usually referred to as "narcissus" are the best bulbs of all for naturalizing. In early fall, toss the bulbs over a grassy area. Plant each where it falls. The result? Spring flowers growing as naturally as if they had been planted by nature. Obviously, a formal lawn that will require mowing in early spring is not the place to naturalize daffodils, but they will grow well in almost any other area where the foliage can be left to ripen naturally in spring and early summer.

Excepting sky blue, tulips have everything going for them in color, plus a long-run season beginning with certain species or "botanicals" that bloom at the end of winter and ending with all kinds of May-flowering hybrids. Plant the bulbs about six inches deep and as much apart any time from early October until the ground freezes. They're great for beds, borders and planting pockets anywhere. Fosteriana, Greigii and Kaufmanniana hybrids are superb in a rock garden.

For best results, tulips need well-drained soil and full sun in the spring. Summer shade is fine while they're dormant. As soon as the flower petals fade, snap off the seed pods. Unless you want formal beds of precision-spaced tulips, all in bloom at the same time, bulbs can be left in the ground permanently.

Hardy bulbs you plant once in the fall and then forget—except when they bloom—don't stop in May with the last tulip. Other kinds give flowers all season. Fairest of all are the true lilies, members of the genus *Lilium*. Best to plant are the hy-

brids, for an example the vivid orange-red, tiger-spotted Enchantment. From the pristine Madonnas to the heavenly Rubrum and Auratum hybrids of late summer, there are hundreds of spectacular hardy lilies. Plant bulbs in late fall in moist, humusy, well-drained soil.

Alliums, otherwise known as ornamental onions, require the same culture. They aren't as popular but worth searching out.

Where winter temperatures stay above 25° F., hardy bulbs can be planted in outdoor containers of all sizes and left to winter in any convenient area. In more severe climates you can plant directly in large containers (minimum size, two feet in diameter by two feet deep). Keep bulbs four inches away from the edge. Push containers close to the side of a building for protection and cover with layers of newspaper and plastic or canvas. Keep moist at all times; for otherwise, there will be no bloom. Remove covering at the end of severely cold weather.

It is also possible in cold climates to plant in sizable clay pots and store these in a garage, cold frame or unheated cellar. Keep moist at all times. Leave in darkness and coolness until danger of severe freezing is over, then move outdoors. Keep watered. When buds are well along, move to display area. After flowers fade, transplant to permanent garden position.

The procedure for forcing tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and the little bulbs such as crocus, snowdrop, grape-hyacinth and scilla to bloom indoors ahead of their normal outdoor time is easy. Start with the largest bulbs you can obtain.

Pot size depends on the kind and quantity of bulbs. One large daffodil, tulip or hyacinth bulb can be planted in a four- or five-inch pot; three crocus or other little bulbs would fit in it. For six tulips, daffodils or hyacinths, you'll need a pot six to 10 inches in diameter. When you plant these large bulbs, cover the tops of tulips and hyacinths with half an inch of soil, but don't try to cover the long necks of daffodils—just the fattened portion of the bulb. Cover the little bulbs like crocus with a half-inch layer of soil. Then water them well.

After potting, the bulbs need a period of coolness so that they can form a vigorous root system. Without a potful of roots, they cannot bloom prolifically later on. Tradition has it that you will bury these pots of bulbs in a bed of cinders outdoors in a cold frame, leaving them there until at least New Year's Day (excepting some precooled bulbs that will bloom for Christmas). This system is impractical for most of us; besides, there are easier ways to accomplish the same thing.

Bulbs can be rooted in any cool frost-free place—a garage attached to the house but not heated, a cool attic space or in an old refrigerator with the thermostat set at around 45° F. A temperature range of 35-55° will allow good root growth, but be sure to keep the soil moist.

When leaves begin to push up, you can start forcing the bulbs—usually sometime after Jan. 1, or eight to 12 weeks after planting. Bring the pots, a few each week (so you'll have blooms over a longer period), to a sunny, cool (55-70° F.) place and keep the soil always moist. The cooler the air, the longer the flowers will last. Bring all the pots into warmth and light by late February.

After the flowers fade, keep the foliage in good health by providing moisture and sun. As soon as danger of hard freezing is past, move them outdoors.

Although the bulbs will not be up to forcing another year, you will find them useful additions for the outdoor garden. Plant them there when you bring them from the house or leave them inside the pots until the following autumn, transferring them then to the open ground.

Problems in forcing bulbs are few, but there are some to expect: Tulips almost always show some aphids, either on their leaves as they emerge from the soil or on the flower buds. Wash off repeatedly in a strong stream of water in your kitchen sink. Flower buds of forced bulbs will dry up and never open if the soil is allowed to dry out severely after they've begun to grow, if the bulbs are brought into a warm place before enough roots have formed or if temperatures are too hot and the air too dry.

Sweet-smelling paper-white narcissus are the easiest of all bulbs to force. These daffodil relatives are not hardy outdoors where severe freezing occurs. No matter where you live, however, they are good for forcing in a semi-sunny location.

Plant them in moist pebbles in a bowl or pot them in a moist mix of equal parts soil, perlite and of peat moss. Either way, snuggle the base of each bulb to a depth of one inch in the growing medium and then water well. Set away in a cool (50-65° F.) dark place for the roots to form. After the bulbs have a good root system (usually two to four weeks), they may be brought to warmth and bright light. There they will quickly send up the clusters of white—or golden—flowers. After forcing, you can discard the bulb. ■

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FOR YOUR PERUSAL: A harvest-time potpourri of past, present & future pleasures

In the domestic time machine, autumn starts the year. Who doesn't have a sense of something new ahead and a yen for a different drumbeat to add freshness and variety to the rhythm of life's pleasures? This harvest-season issue is a gleanage of ideas, designed to help you realize whatever new goals you've set. Encapsulating time, they hark to the past, anticipate the future and report on the present. See the graceful essence of the Old South revived to pleasure modern living in a Victorian farmhouse... contemplate the Tudor charm of dark oak and leaded glass, joining the mainstream of present-day design. Envision future joys you can instigate this moment—winter vegetables to start right now... immediate plantings that assure a flowering springtime... preserves to put up that promise sunny flavors when next winter's snow is flying... wines to lay by for your palate's delectation for many years to come. As for here and now—discover our brand new calendar guide for anniversary gift-giving... see a high-rise apartment with a skyline view... see a half-circle house where living space flows free... learn the modus operandi of a famous host's hosting... and study our six-page roundup of the season's newest furnishings, specially put together for the smart (and smart) shopper.



echoing the old south

WITH A VICTORIAN







Editor JACK MACURDY □ It isn't really "Tara". It's "Seven Gables," a one-story farmhouse circa 1890, built near Raleigh, N.C., for a prosperous farmer. Architecturally, while its exterior displays the gingerbread trimmings of its era, its interior shows certain grand-mannerisms—grand-mansion elements of an earlier age: 12½-foot ceilings, arched doorways, a wide, room-sized hallway (*above*). It is now a family property of Designer Randy Trull, vice-president of Croscill Curtain

refreshing the past with all-new colorings

Co., and in a recent renovation of the place, using his family heirlooms as well as acquisitions, he has recaptured that aura of comfortable elegance we associate with the mansions of the Old South. He has put the antique and precious together with a great present-day usability, refreshing the old with new color and new fabrics, many of them his own designs. In his living room (*left*), an Ante Bellum "parlor set" of carved rosewood provides seating. Sofa and "gentleman's chairs" are authentically covered in damask, "lady's chairs" in velvet, but in a fresh, new palette of celery, salmon and pale gold. Flowering rug suggests old-time Brussels carpeting. The draperies, in exuberant Victorian swags, are Croscill's "Great Barrington" chintz, a Trull design. Accessories are from collections of Bristol blue, milk glass and Meissen, on the mantel (*above right*). The Queen Anne table (*right*) is laid with a tea set of Chinese "Rose Medallion."

FELICIANO





a polished mix collected by several generations

Randy Trull calls the mannerly furnishings in the house "an assemblage of family belongings." They represent the varying tastes of different generations, including his own acquisitions, yet all blend together unerringly. The eclectic mix in the dining room melds harmoniously with an Italianate beige-on-white fabric print, "Sorrento" by Croscill, its damask pattern stretched on the walls, draped at the windows (*above*). Trull's great pride is the darkly handsome North Carolina country sideboard, made by his great-great-grandfather in solid walnut.
The table—cherry top with burl walnut apron and legs—is a butting together of two ends of a banquet table. Chairs are arrow-splatted Hitchcock. He found the over-mantel mirror in Holland. The porcelain clock is French, the prismed girandoles antique glass. Randy Trull's mother was a collector of glass, as he is also, and so exceptional examples of spoon glass, satin glass, milk glass and crystal accessorize all rooms. A spectacular treasure is the Waterford chandelier, a six-foot shower of prisms hanging from the high ceiling. Blue glass epergne on the table is a rarity and the stemware a collection of unmatched antique goblets.
Porcelain is Royal Doulton on Chinese embroidered mats.
The family silver—flatware, tea service, punchbowl—is by Gorham. On the polished floor, a flowery rug by Bigelow.





a bedroom bower of ruffles and flowers

Beds in the Trull house are noble four-posters meant to be climbed into. This one is walnut, luxuriantly ruffled and draped against wallpaper patterned with English bouquets. Bedspread and shirred, deeply ruched curtainings are ready-made—Croscill's "Chambord," a washable, white-on-white printed Dacron batiste, the same curtains at the windows. Cherry-and-maple highboy is Hepplewhite. Every room has the luxury of a fireplace. A portrait of Mrs. Trull hangs over the one here (*above*). Boy and girl porcelain figurines wearing metal spectacles are even rarer finds than the old cheval glass. The mid-Victorian dressing table ornaments (*left*) are flowered satin glass, now hard to come by, the lamp a conversion of a vase, wired without drilling, in order to preserve its value.













S. J. Berkowitz is an artist who finds pleasure in living with paintings and sculpture from the past and the present, a mix Interior Designer James Le Castre further intensified in turning this Manhattan apartment into a sophisticated backdrop for the artist and his art. The foyer (*above*) is nothing less than a microcosm of the whole, a drawing together of the many diverse elements used throughout. Against a traditional background of walnut-lacquered walls and bleached floors, primitive sculpture meets modern multiple on two Art Deco-styled mirrored pedestals. Egyptian art is here, too, as well as an antique Persian rug. Intriguing in itself, it is the perfect introduction to the living room (*far left*), which was planned entirely around the warm colors of the 16th-century Caravaggio-school painting above the sofa. The 1930s look appears yet again in a crescent-shaped sofa, the Lucite "waterfall" end tables and a Le Corbusier loveseat. And all are comfortably at home—and harmoniously scaled—with the large modern coffee table and the traditional Louis XVI *fauteuils* in red-brown leather (*near left below*),

furnishings and art of yesterday and today are meticulously pieced together for a stunning, inventive study in contrasts

a burled occasional table and an antique secretary that opens up to provide desk space as well as offering a showcase for books and art. The coffee table doubles now and then as informal dining table with pillows around it for seating. Elegant and colorful against this and the adjacent Biedermeier chest is the owner's collection of Imari and Staffordshire plates. Indeed, from every angle, small treasures catch the eye. For example, the table by the sofa (*near left center*) artfully combines Copenhagen terra-cotta figurine, terra-cotta-and-enamel candlesticks and a miniature painting from David's "Mme. Recamier"—set before one of Berkowitz's favorite works, a collage done by Ben Nedelman.

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In contrast to the deeply shaded foyer and living room, the rest of this 4½-room apartment is done in moody, summery colors set off by leafy greenery. The dining room (*above*) is an understated mix of sisal floors and grass-cloth walls that seem to flow into the five-foot-high painting on the far wall—a work by the owner. In contrast is the subdued motif of a Portuguese provincial still-life on the adjacent wall. A blond butcher-block table has leaves on the ends to extend it to seat 10 comfortably in the leather-and-chrome chairs. Art is ever present in the bedroom, too, with the wall opposite the bed dominated by a bold abstract in the green, blue and red tones that accent the room (*near left*). The antique coverlet and a similarly patterned table skirt are in a Delft design on a pale ground, a light toning that is emphasized by the creamy muslin summertime hangings on the 19th-century brass bed. In winter, canopy and bed draperies are taken down, giving the shiny

in bedroom and dining room, bold art is emphasized by a flow of pale, summery colors

bed—and the room—a crisper, more glittering look to go with the brisker look of the winter city beyond the uncurtained windows. Interesting and eclectic touches include a Louis XVI tambour night table, a gilded Georgian bench and the two Louis XVI chairs—in different finishes, with different fabrics—beside a table that's set for morning tea. Berkowitz's art collection is interspersed throughout the room, with a special amusement reserved for the corner now occupied by a fine antique Sheraton bachelor's chest—an oversized self-portrait of the artist/owner, whimsically flanked by two sprays of flowers in delicate Chinese vases.

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TYING THE TWAIN





Editor JACK MACURDY

a Renaissance man can also be a woman —because no other words more aptly suit Inger McCabe Elliott, founder and creative mastermind of China Seas, a firm that designs batiks, screen prints and weaves and supervises the making of them in Java and India. The remarkable Mrs. Elliott, who designs everything from dresses to dinnerware, is also the collector of the firm's stock of esoteric, one-of-a-kind antiques. (Pictured above, she's holding a piece of ancient Indonesian pottery.) Simultaneously, she is also an active photo-journalist. Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board, she has an M.A. in African history, has lectured at Harvard, has authored two books and countless articles, edited African, Asian and Hungarian newspapers—and speaks six languages. She is the wife of *Newsweek*'s Osborn Elliott and has six children. *Formidable!* How did she come to start China Seas? "I had enough of academic life and so I went into photo-journalism. Photography obviously involved me with design. I don't think there's enough *good* design in the public domain," she adds, "so I'm trying to make more quality available to more people, in greater quantity."

'good design is timeless'







"these have an Oriental aura...but go anywhere"

Interior Designer Mario Buatta chose China Seas designs for the rooms on these four pages. He says, "They go anywhere—with French, modern, 18th-century. They're timeless. The designs have an Oriental aura but they're not strictly Oriental." Mrs. Elliott says, "Good design is timeless no matter where it comes from." A sample (*left*): "Bali" vinyl wallcovering; "Flores" hand-screened cotton foliage tracery; "Danish Stripes," an Indian woven cotton. The "Slendang" dragon print (*top center*), a 2¾-yard batik sarong length, with "Vertical Baskets" striped cotton floral and "Fragonard" wallpaper, derived from French and Dutch prints that influenced Indonesian batiks, and also (*above*) with the multicolor "Kelpana" cotton. "Bunga Black" (*right*) is batiked and hand-drawn, in the old Indonesian technique called "tjap and tjulis," the pattern reversed on the "Bunga Neutral" wallpaper. Batiks are uniformly of high quality. The living room (*top right*) is shown in more detail on the following pages. BILL HELMS











'I don't follow trends—I think trends are fads'

Mrs. Elliott has never had to promote China Seas to decorators. "They just come to us." Why? Designer Buatta gives a clue: "There's nothing like this on the market and the quality is terrific." Mrs. Elliottt designs "just doing what I think is right. Nothing is 'trendy' because I think trends are fads." In this bedroom (*below*), a flag designed for the coronation of Edward VIII is typical of her recherché, one-of-a-kind collecting. Wall-covering and curtains are woven cotton "Norwegian Stripes," named in honor of Mrs. Elliott's native land. The daybed cover is in "Antares Blue" and the chair cushioned in "Nitik" batik.





"I'm for good design in the public domain"

Buatta, who was chosen by House Beautiful to decorate the apartment shown here and on our cover, used Henredon Furniture and drew exclusively on China Seas for fabrics, wallcoverings and accessories. The "Nitik" pattern, the firm's symbol, is seen again in the napkins on the treasure-laden dining table (*above*) with early Ch'ing plates set on Ming plates, all varied. Further esoterics: classic 19th-century Chinese Export bowls, originally made by the Chinese for Thailand; Ming wine jug, once exported to Indonesia, and Chinese candlesticks; vessels of Cambodian silver. All this is set forth on a melon-and-multicolor "Kelpana" batik. "Lim Large Flower" patterns the studded upholstered chairs. The plump sectional pieces in the living area show off "Lim Diagonal" (*top left*). Painting is an old-time illustration for *Cosmopolitan* by Henry Morton Stoops. The coffee table's pottery cat is Ch'ing dynasty. End table (*far left*) is a Chinese bride's chest in lacquered pigskin, holding a Ming dynasty jar. "Java" vinyl wallpaper is a classic Chinese fretwork design. "Lim Large Flower" upholsters the window seat (*center*). Mrs. Elliott, who believes that if you train your eye to good design, you don't have to spend a fortune to have a beautiful home, is now readying a sheet collection—"You can do so much so inexpensively with sheets"—and is desiging dinnerware, working with Helena Uglow. "We're the first women to design the dinnerware shapes as well as the patterns. We think we're offering the public good design."

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CHATEAU POISE WITH A CITY BEAT

Editor LESTER GRUNDY

"A very soft, light French motif that plays up the city views" is the very apt description that Interior Designer Carleton Varney and his assistant, Nancy Barr Miller, give this Manhattan duplex penthouse. **And, indeed, the views are central to every room, emphasized by a surround of pale, creamy color and extensive mirroring.** In the foyer (*right*), a mirrored ceiling reflects the view—as well as the dramatic ascent of green and cream that spirals upward to the sky blue dome (*right bottom*). **Double exposures of park and city visually expand the spacious living area** (*left and above*), where shirred screens are almost always left open. A monochromatic scheme prevails with cloudlike shades on walls, rug and strong central grouping of French bergères and plump sofas around a Chinese coffee table. A windowside table and chairs (*left*) and an antique French desk (*above*) provide space for work without a workroom look. Accessories—a cache of Orientalia on the coffee table, a porcelain urn and a mirror with zebra-pattern frame—are eclectic but well-placed.





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ALL ROOMS ARE TUNED TO THE EVER-PRESENT VIEWS

Subtle colorings are a handsome counterpoint to a dazzling interplay of crystal, glass and mirror in the dining room (*left*). **Backgrounded by cityscape and screens inset with fabric panels of Oriental motif, a conference-size elliptical glass table serves equally for business meetings and elegant dinners—as the one set up here.** Beneath a traditional chandelier, eight will dine around an arrangement of silk flowers, crystal candlesticks and a pair of antique Venetian mirrored obelisks, which also reflect park views. Visible through the tabletop is the intricate astral pattern of the marquetry floor, worked in many different shades of wood. **Sunshine is caught and held in the golden tones of the music room** (*right*). Comfort is paramount here, as friends relax on cushy club chairs, sofa and ottoman, play backgammon at the Italian burl-and-brass game table or listen to the stereo hidden behind the arched cabinet doors. In winter, the fire is reflected in the glass fire screen and gold andirons—very romantic beneath an original Utrillo painting. **Atune to the rhythm of the city, the red-and-green den combines these primaries in an upbeat pattern fittingly called "Heavy Traffic"** (*below*). Repeated in draperies, where it's an intriguing frame for the city skyline, on the sofa and





the upper wall and ceiling, its punchy design is balanced by splashes of solid color in a green coffee table, covered with fabric and lacquered, and a big red armchair. **By contrast, colors are muted again in the master bedroom** (*left*)—a hushed surround of suede walls and bedcoverings and a carpet worked in swirls of beige, brown and rust. This is a personal domain, simple and spare, yet plush, with all closets and drawers built-in. Mirrored screens on both sides of the window double the view and surround the sitting area with visions of trees and sky.

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TUDOR TODAY
rephrases the glowing notes of leaded glass, dark wood & old brick...
... into a lively country



By MAGGI MILLER □ Certain Tudorisms were there, but the interior manners of the 30-year-old cottage had rather faded away with time and its later inhabitants. **Realizing the potential the genre offered, Interior Designer Sylvia Parker looked backward—then vibrantly remodeled the Encino, Calif., house, which once was owned by Singer Billy Eckstine, to capitalize on all the charm Tudor styling can have.** Throughout, she's added harmonious expressions of the original theme—from the new pegged-and-grooved flooring, installed to replace worn wall-to-wall carpeting, to the new beams and ceiling moldings. In the living room, the fireplace wall was given a handsome new face of used brick, punctuated by long windows of leaded glass (*above*), in keeping with the existing windows (*top right*).







To-the-roof bookshelves add interest to the other end wall (*left*) around the opening to the entry and its antique oak door with insets of leaded glass. **The dining room, separated only by a partial wall to the left of the sofa, carries out the living room's country-mix air,** with a mirrored wall and the lattice-motif wallpaper used also on the ceiling for visual expansion of the smaller and lowered-ceilinged space (*right*). Furnishings everywhere are a blend of real antiques—a Seth Thomas clock in the entry, the quilt and porcelain lamp base in the reading corner (*center right*), the tall brass candlesticks on the mantel—with flea market finds and such reproductions as the Country French chairs. And all are set off by a country melody of print and plaid fabrics.

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A LIVELY NEW TEMPO FOR THE ANNIVERSARY WALTZ

House Beautiful's Gift Calendar — an updated list of what to give as the years go by, synchronized with changing times, mores and materials

HOUSE BEAUTIFUL'S ANNIVERSARY GIFT CALENDAR

First—HOUSE PLANTS
Second—BOOKS
Third—WINE
Fourth—EARTHENWARE
Fifth—COPPER
Sixth—WOOD
Seventh—PEWTER
Eighth—CRYSTAL
Ninth—GOURMET COOKWARE
Tenth—ART
Twentieth—DIAMOND
Twenty-fifth—SILVER
Fiftieth—GOLD

Editors MARION GOUGH *and* SUSAN GROSSMAN □ This month we've taken a long look at the traditional listings of the symbolic anniversary gifts—first year, paper, and so on—and in light of the way life is lived today, we've concluded that it's as out-of-date as a buggy whip. High time, we think, that the historic sequence was overhauled and so we've taken it upon ourselves to overhaul it.

Herewith, our own updated anniversary gift calendar, a new set of symbols with which to mark the first 10 years and the major milestone jubilees. Our symbols are definitely in tune with the contemporary philosophy of householding that ranks house plants, art and fine cookware as necessary to the good life as a good bed. We especially like our choices because they broaden the scope for imaginative gift-giving—because by their very nature they guarantee against the banal and mundane. Such gifts may take a practical turn—and what's wrong with practicality? But when they do, they still have that quality of cherishability that makes any gift at any time worthy of both the donor and the donee. They're the kind of gifts people really want, things they'd probably give to themselves in a self-pampering mood, and our calendar cannily spaces them out over the continuum of marriage to arrive appropriately on the year they're most likely to be appreciated. Note that we mark the milestone years—the fifth, 10th, 20th, 25th and 50th—with gifts of special intrinsic preciousness.

The First Anniversary on our calendar calls for HOUSE PLANTS, a symbolic wish that the young marriage and the greenery may flourish together and, from the hard-headed side, a gift that could handsomely fill out the empty spaces that a tender young budget may not yet have been able to fill with more durable goods.

Second Anniversary calls for BOOKS, by which we mean the important volumes destined to be the basic spine of a family library— and at today's prices, the gift of a fine book can be a memorable offering indeed. The most welcome, of course, will be those that reflect the recipients' close-to-the-heart interests. Are they medievalists, cooks, shell collectors, needleworkers, fanciers of art, architecture, decoration? Are they given to crafts, do-it-yourself, wild flowers, old cars, railroad trains? Are they bemused by butterflies or Oriental rugs, Greek mythology or mushrooms, archaeology and ichthyology? There's an infinitude of such specialized books, their topics as broad as the world, informative, beautifully made and well worth the preserving ever after. A first edition of a favorite author would be a treasure and what young family wouldn't appreciate a brand new, up-to-date dictionary or, if you want to go really all out, an encyclopedia?

Third Anniversary—WINE. It's a symbolic toast to past, present and future, but it also recognizes that young marrieds are wine drinkers who take wine and the cultivation of their palates seriously. This gift arrives at *(Text continues on Page 170; more gift suggestions overleaf)*

Beginning September 7, Lord & Taylor will showcase in its New York City store a collection of gift ideas based upon the House Beautiful Anniversary List. These displays continue through September 17.



Earthenware for the Fourth (left, going clockwise); *Stirrup-topped terra-cotta water jug, at Mexican Folk Art Annex; clay cachepot, with molded ram's heads, Saks Fifth Avenue; a hand-painted red clay Thai vase and geometric bowl, from Diane Love Inc.; "Devil's Playthings" pitcher, reproduction of Royal Bayreuth, from Limited Editions; the pottery stand from Diane Love Inc. holds a palm tree candlestick from Bergdorf Goodman and Mexican owls, by Jorge Wilmot, from United Nations Gift Center; trompe l'œil pottery basket and "cloth" cover, Saks Fifth Avenue; and, lastly, blue-on-white Persian pottery vases, these from Limited Editions.*

Copper for the Milestone Fifth (right, clockwise); *candelabra in brass (an alloy of copper and zinc), at Bergdorf Goodman; brass teapot, John Rosselli Antiques; copper wine cooler, from the Culinary Arts Shoppe; cast-brass rhinoceros, from Limited Editions; from John Rosselli Antiques, brass horseshoe ashtray and solid brass fish, reflected in a brass-framed mirror from Mexican Folk Art Annex; Irish copper kettle, from The Horchow Collection; lovely-to-look-at spheroid made of brass and acrylic, available at Karl Springer.*

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Pewter marks the Seventh Anniversary (at left, clockwise): *Portuguese picture frame, Bambi candlestick, both at Saks Fifth Avenue; octagonal bowl is Wilton Armetale; "Sturbridge Village" tea set, Stieff Co.; ice cream scoop, at Culinary Arts Shoppe; ashtray with brass motif, Bergdorf Goodman; hand-hammered shell, from Diane Love Inc.; fish dish, at Bergdorf Goodman; scalloped bowl, a Colonial Williamsburg reproduction, available at Cardel Ltd.*

Gourmet Cookware for the Ninth (below, clockwise): *two Le Creuset enamel-on-iron casseroles, with a cookbook for two; French aluminum kettle, all these, from Jenny B. Goode; Franjoh Cellar's oak "Perpetual Vinegar Cask," with vinegar "starter," at Bloomingdale's; ceramic measuring spoons, from La Cuisinière Inc.; copper escargot pan, at Culinary Arts Shoppe; five copper pipkins, from Bazaar de la Cuisine; "Elletro Caffetiera," an electric espresso/cappuccino maker, from Culinary Arts Shoppe; the "Blue Onion" porcelain swizzle stick, ladle and spatula on porcelain plaque, La Cuisinière, monogrammed freezer-to-oven/or stove top glass fry pan and tea pot, from The Horchow Collection. In the center: Cuisinart gratin pans and skillet, all from Culinary Arts Shoppe.*

Art for the Milestone 10th (right, clockwise): *The "Fernwood" fabric collage is by Madge Huntington; "Vase with Yellow Tulips," a Grinaldo oil, Haller Gallery; "Flute Player," carved Peruvian gourd, from Limited Editions; "Blue Crystal Loop," glass sculpture by Harvey K. Littleton, from Contemporary Art Glass Group; fox of white alloy, by Carl Hoselton, at Rosenthal Studio Haus; an Ivory Coast bronze mask, from Tribal Arts Gallery Two; "Elfin" is an Eric Parks bronze, limited edition, Coe Kerr Gallery; Thai bronze, by John Roselli; Peruvian gourd fish, at Limited Editions; "Variable Star" quilt, Thomas K. Woodward American Antiques and Quilts; "Double Duck," Ecuadorian wool weave, by Avanti Designs; silk-screen print by Jack Youngerman, at Pace Editions Inc. Centered—a Mali wood carving, from Tribal Arts Gallery Two.*

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PATIO TOMATO grows 24 inches tall and produces two-inch fruit in 60 days from seed. Grow in a 12-inch pot and never let soil dry out. It needs warmth. Provide full sun in a south window. Feed every two weeks with fish emulsion. Spray flowers with fruit-setting hormone to assure crop. Tiny Tim cherry tomato is better in limited space or fluorescent-lights.

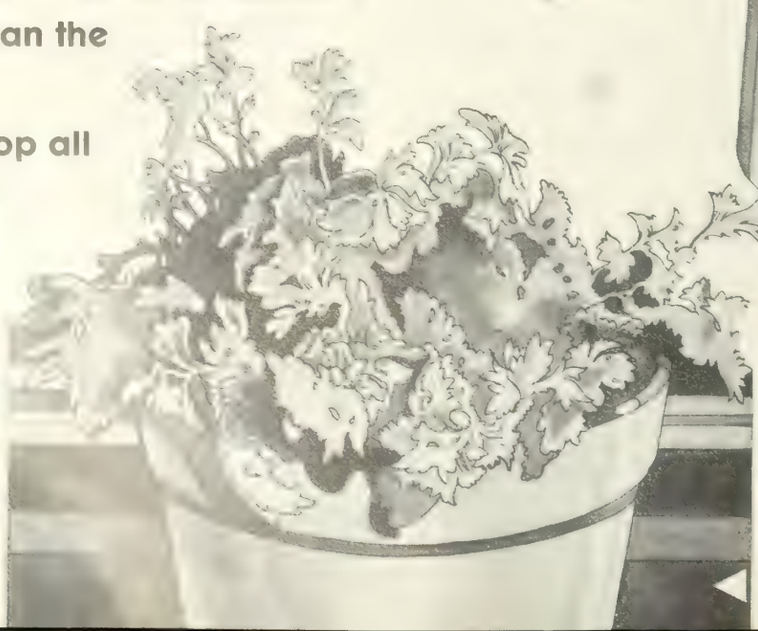
PLAN & PLANT NOW FOR A WINTER HARVEST

PATIO PIK CUCUMBER tends to bush rather than climb. Give it a 10-inch pot in full sun; keep soil always evenly moist. Feed with fish emulsion fertilizer. Pick 60 days after you brush pollen from male flowers on the female flowers.

RHUBARB SWISS CHARD has bright red stalks (cook the same as asparagus) and dark green leaves (use the same as spinach), ready to eat in 60 days from seed. Grow each plant in a six-inch pot; keep moist in a sunshiny window.

Summer's end need not mean the last of your home-grown vegetables—you can continue to raise a fresh crop all winter long... indoors!

By ELVIN McDONALD [ ] Your grocery bill won't show any drastic reduction, but your winter meals will reach new heights of freshness of flavor. Smugly keep your secret or announce it proudly—that gracing your menu are honest-to-goodness sun-ripened vegetables straight from your garden. The eight shown here need long days of sun and warmth in soil that never dries out. Supplement short days with fluorescent light up to 16 hours a day. Grow plants in a mix of two parts soil to one each of vermiculite and perlite.



CURLYCRESS, which looks like parsley but has more the peppery taste we associate with mustard (a relative), may be eaten 10 days after planting. Sow seeds in a pot of soil; keep constantly moist in a bright window or fluorescent-light garden. Temperatures between 60-70° F. are ideal. Sow seeds every two weeks for a continuous supply of fresh garnish for your salads.

TRUE SPINACH needs more coolness than the average house can provide, but New Zealand spinach makes a tasty substitute. Plant several seeds in each 10-inch hanging basket or pot. Give as much direct sun as is possible. Keep the soil moist at all times and feed with fish-emulsion fertilizer every two weeks. Malabar spinach, another taste-alike, is also worth trying indoors. You may use leaves from either of these plants in the same ways as spinach. Fresh, warm, moist air speeds their growth.

DWARF EGGPLANT is decidedly showy when it is covered with fruit. Grow in a 12-inch tub or pot in a warm, sunny window. Never let the soil dry out; feed every two weeks with fish emulsion. Use camel's hair brush to pollinate fully open flowers. Allow at least 70 days from seed to ripe fruit. Besides aubergine, there are varieties with white and yellow fruit. Best of all to try indoors is purple-fruited Morden Midget, a small-growing and quick-maturing hybrid variety.

SWEET PEPPERS, as well as the hot types, require the same treatment indoors as tomatoes and eggplant. A warm, sunny environment keeps them growing in winter. Be careful to avoid any drafts of cold air.

ILLUSTRATIONS, TONY VILLANY/QUINLAN ARTWORK CO.; FOR DETAILS, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION

ZUCCHINI may take on the exotic, tropical appearance of a selloum philodendron if you give it a roomy 12-inch tub in a sunny, warm window. Never let the soil dry out. Feed every two weeks with fish emulsion. Brush pollen from the male flowers onto the females. Figure 60 to 90 days to picking size. Keep warm.





PICK & PLANT NOW FOR COLOR NEXT SPRING

By ELVIN MCDONALD ☐ Whether you grow your garden in pots or in the ground, you can produce a spectacular spring flower show by planting hardy bulbs this fall—anytime before the ground freezes outdoors. Local garden centers and catalogues of mail-order specialists offer everything from snowdrops and crocus that dare to bloom as early as January to late tulips and Dutch iris that often keep company with summer's first roses. The major new trend with bulbs is to grow them in pots, usually in some out-of-the way spot outdoors. Then, as the buds begin to show color, the pots can be moved anywhere you want a burst of bloom—for example, in an outdoor living area (**1**), to perk up a flower border (**2**) or to bring the glory of spring indoors. Clay pots and wood tubs need only be hosed and brushed. Plastic or other utilitarian growing containers can be slipped inside baskets or terra-cotta planters. The varieties here include Pink Pearl and Blue Jacket hyacinths; Dutch Princess (apricot), Yellow Present, Rose Beauty (pink and white) and Albury (red) tulips; Rembrandt (single) and Dick Wilder (double) daffodils with the related narcissus called Geranium (white and orange). In the close-ups: (**3**) Smiling Queen is one of the cottage tulips, a type especially suited to informal plantings and for cutting. (**4**) Blue Heron tulip has fringed petal edges and may be solid grape color or broken into fascinating variegation as this one is. (**5**) *Scilla campanulata*, also available in pink and white, is great to grow in a partly shaded, nearly wild garden. It multiplies and spreads naturally, growing into a sweep of graceful bell flowers. (**6**) Dick Wilder daffodil will stand up well outdoors or make a long-lasting cut flower. (**7**) Bellflower tulip has delicately fringed petals and blooms late. (**8**) Tulips not unlike this Blue Parrot set off the legendary tulipomania that toppled the Dutch bulb business about 1635. (Photographed at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa.) BILL HELMS

For instructions for planting bulbs, see page 56


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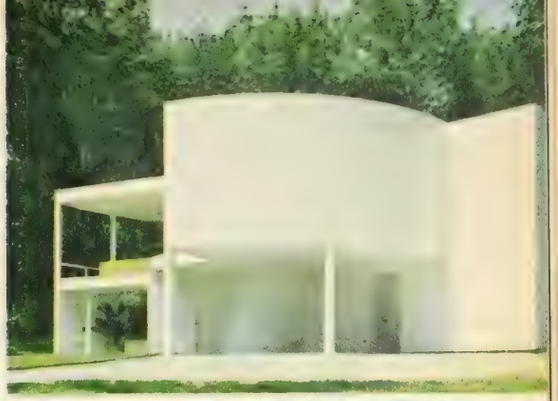
'IT'S SMALL, COMPACT– & MAKES A STATEMENT'



the challenge of the circle

By SUSAN GRANT LEWIN ☐ Architects Tony and Anne Woolner (*below left*) see no reason why a house has to fit into the restraints imposed by rectilinear forms. And this latest effort by the husband-and-wife team—a circular house in New Canaan, Conn.—strongly embraces their architectural thinking. "In line with current economics, architects must be able to design small, compact houses that still make strong statements," notes Anne. Adds Tony, "Circles are compact, so we decided to explore the possibilities of a circular form for a house. The challenge of the circle was to create the greatest variety of spaces within the context of a limited geometry. This house surrounds you with curved walls and the spaces flow into each other, visually overlapping like the living/dining zone pictured here, making small spaces seem larger." The Woolners feel the circle has been made even more dynamic by leaving out one 90° section (*inset at left*) and using glass walls on both levels to maintain visual flow. "And since the outdoors is so much a part of the house," Anne adds, "the furnishings reflect the colors and textures of nature." Here, for example, a bright apple green sets the tone.















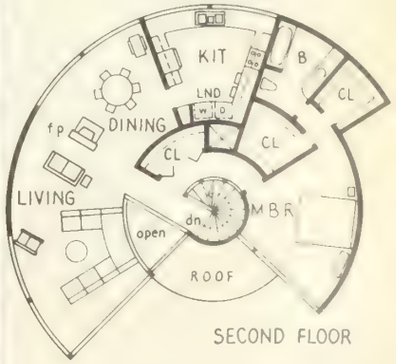






The lush site gave Architects Tony and Ann Woolner their decorative starting point, for almost every area offers a view of the parklike expanse of lawn surrounded by tall swaying trees and fine natural growth. "The colors and textures are straight from nature," they note, and they have used this flow of natural colorings and textures to give a sense of visual harmony throughout the two floors. In usage, however, the two levels are completely separate, a plan requested by the owners, who wanted the children's areas to be totally apart from the adult spaces. The lower floor contains the children's spaces. Three bedrooms are located here (see *plans*), as well as the exuberant family room (*center left below*). A true family space, it's casually furnished in modern, curvy wicker around the wood-block coffee table and an abundance of toys, here being enjoyed by young Christina (*far left below*). Living-dining areas (*top left and center*) are on the upper level, as is the big master bedroom (*far left, second from bottom*) with distinctive Marimekko sheets decorating the bed. The light-filled kitchen (*above*) is just a few steps away, with a convenient serving counter (*near left above*) for lunch or informal children's meals. A spiraling staircase topped by a Plexiglas dome (*far left, second from top*) joins the floors. Instead of solid wall, three columns support the roof above (*near left*), further spreading light into the core of the circle. All accessories are from Design Research in Westport, Conn.; dinnerware by Dansk.

PLAN, NATALIE F. SIEGEL; FOR DETAILS, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION



SMART



If you've been looking for home furnishings or accessories that are well-styled, functional and reasonably-priced, don't despair. Even with today's high prices, you can still find good values. On these six pages, we present a fall catalogue of smart buys for almost every area of your home. All prices approximate and subject to change. (**1**) Chevron-patterned velvet chair, an attractive buy at $180 from Stratford Co. For wall or bed, an all-cotton twin-size spread, handmade in Pakistan, available in various colors from $18 to $22 at Azuma. (**2**) Seven-piece lacquered plastic salad set with fork and spoon and four individual bowls, $17.50 at Bergdorf Goodman. Background is "Blakeford" vinyl wallcovering from James Seeman Studios' "Family Album Collection," about $10 for a 35-square foot roll. (**3**) Refurbish the old with one of these "Small Talk" all-cotton, Scotchgard-treated fabrics, designed by Bob Van Allen for Riverdale Fabrics, $8 a yard at Bloomingdale's. The pattern names to talk about are such liltingly nostalgic titles as "Old Acquaintance," "Our Crowd," "Chit Chat" and "Point of View."

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BUYS

a new fall catalogue of style-wise, money-wise designs to perk up your home















(4) Light a traditional spirit with the look of oxidized iron in this candle-holder, a museum reproduction, $20 at The Iranian National Handicraft Corp. The 10 by 12-inch "Bull's Eye Mirror" has three-inch wooden turnings in white, red, yellow, black, brown or blue with a white disc and attaches to any wall; $15 for mirror and $5 for the clips; from Squire & Small. **(5)** Country-look cookware: at left, a small aluminum "Bain-Marie" with olive green stoneware interior bowl and pouring lip, $20, imported from England by American Market Place, available at La Cuisinière; and Ekco's "Old Hampshire House" pewterlike 10¾-inch covered stainless steel skillet, $26, and two-quart saucepan, $17.50, both with triple-wall construction and walnut knobs. The pretty background is Zepel-treated "Tosca" by Bloomcraft, 50% cotton/50% Dacron, 54 inches wide, $6 a yard. **(6)** This wicker-and-chrome chair, an Italian import, is designed for comfort, as well as good looks. It is 29 inches wide, 28 inches deep, about $310, from Selig. **(7)** This 14-piece coffee set makes a perfect gift. It includes a drip coffee-maker with a filter top, heat-resistant glass server and four sleek glass mugs with wicker holders, a serving dish and a wicker tray. The set is from Coffee Imports and is available at Macy's for about $35. Brightening up our picture is the cheery "Ming" all-cotton, Scotchgard-treated fabric by Cohama, about $7 a yard. **(8)** "Apple Pie" recipe dish, $12.50, from Sigma Marketing's "Graphic Gourmet Series." Material in the background is "Regatta," all-cotton, 48 inches wide, with Zepel finish, $7 a yard from Cohama Decorative Fabrics. **(9)** Zebra basket is hand-woven and hand-painted, $8 at Jenny B. Goode. **(10)** Sigma Marketing's "Sangria" pitcher (with recipe), $30 from the "Graphic Gourmet Series," and Schott-Zwiesel's all-purpose wine glasses, $2.50 each.

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Logs

(11) For your fireside, a brown cotton duck log holder with silk-screened lettering, natural American birch carrying handles and ties. Water- and mildew-resistant, it's $10 from Squire & Small. **(12)** Exquisite hand-blown stemware called "Dream" by Toscany Imports is $2 a glass. **(13)** Make walls and windows come alive with natural wood plant-holders and jute hangers, $5 to $10, depending on size; separate brackets available, $2.50 to $3, all from InterDesign Craft. **(14)** Sunbeam's Deluxe Mixmaster is all asparkle with hearty stainless steel, comes equipped with two dough hooks and a recipe/bread book; all under $108. Other accessories available. **(15)** Cosco Home Products' "Pot Top" pedestal planters have chrome frames and lift-out pots of high-impact plastic in white or terra-cotta; the 34-inch, $21; 24-inch, $20; 15-inch, $16. Sea grass 9 by 12-foot natural rug is $175 from Trans-Ocean Import Co.

(16) For your favorite beverages, Greek milk bottles, $3.50 and $1.75, and a large, glazed earthenware salad bowl with drip motif white patterning, $6.50; all from Greek Island Ltd. **(17)** Guests will love these pewter shell cocktail forks by Metzke Inc., $6 for a set of six from Faroy Sales Inc. **(18)** Go creative—choose your own laboratory test tubes to use as flower vases. You'll find them at any local chemical laboratory supply house (look under "Laboratory Equipment" in The Yellow Pages), about $1 to $5 each. **(19)** Easy-to-assemble "Safari" chair of natural saddle leather and redwood is about $100 at Brazil Contempo. The 9 by 12-foot Bharat rug is $250 from Trans-Ocean Import Co. **(20)** Set a lovely table with Japanese Imari-pattern porcelain dinner plates, $17 each at the Highboy Shop. Denby's "Regency" stainless flatware is available in eight colors with stoneware handles; about $30 for a four-piece setting. It's a look to help pep up your party table throughout the year.

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(21) Family and friends will love the orthopedic "Earth" chair and footrest of chrome and top-grain cowhide, $359 at Brazil Contempo. **(22)** Striped vinyl grasscloth, 20½ inches wide is by Wall Trends, $14.95 an 11-yard roll. It makes an attractive background for "Country Garden" tumblers, $1.65 to $2.50 per set of four, four sizes available, by Libby Glass. **(23)** Pretty crystal bud vases from $1.50 to $2.75 from West Virginia Glass. **(24)** Molded plastic chairs and fiber glass dining table, both by Cado. The chairs come in five different colors, $89 each. The table is $171 for 39½-inch diameter and $183 for the 43¾-inch diameter.









(25) An elegant grouping. Highlighting the setting is Karastan's skein-dyed six by nine-foot woven wool rug, about $300, from "The Eastern Primitives Collection" in "Panel Shirvan" pattern. The 18 by 60 by 27-inch console table has a highly-polished, buffed chrome base and clear glass top with rounded corners, $180 by Bassett Mirror Co. Chaircraft's chair has a vinyl seat and is $157.50. A "Flute" lamp made of corrugated cardboard is $35 from Jenny B. Goode.







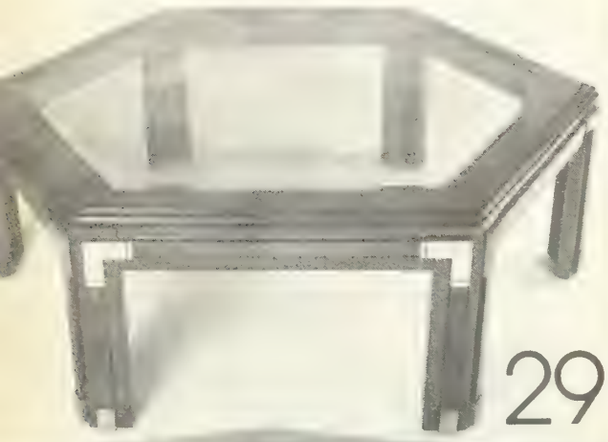


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LAY-AWAY PLAN

30 GOOD INVESTMENTS FOR YOUR OENOLOGICAL PORTFOLIO

By LINDA B. DOWNS ☐ The best wine cellars are still most often found in a cellar (in modern houses, a.k.a. the basement). But even without a naturally cool cellar, most houses and apartments offer some spot suitable for storing wine—and for anyone interested in entertaining with flair or in enjoying good food and wine, it's well worth the effort to find that spot and stock it now with wines that offer handsome drinking in years to come. ***Our lay-away plan is simply drawn***—30 red wines divided into five distinct categories, all widely available at $8 or less. These 30 wines will not by themselves form a complete wine cellar, but they can serve as the nucleus for a well-rounded small collection to cover a variety of future dinner parties.

By putting away several different kinds of wine, you'll be prepared for a variety of future entertaining occasions

The $8 limit automatically excludes us from some of the greatest of the greats in the best of recent years, but it does mean that even in states where wine costs run higher than in New York, you should find everything on this list at less than $10 a bottle. We would suggest, too, that you also put down at least a couple of the prestige bottlings. Any standard wine reference book will have lists of the great growths; any good wine retailer can help you choose the ones you might enjoy. Then fill out your cellar with a Champagne or two, a couple of fine dessert wines for grand dinners, some whites and some reds for current drinking, including jug wines for casual entertaining or large buffets and for family sipping, and Sherry and Port.

We start our list with eight 1970 Bordeaux. Wine buffs can argue from here to the 1980 vintage (and beyond) whether it's better to buy higher-ranked wines from lesser years or lesser-ranked wines from good years. We chose, obviously, to go with the year, for 1970 was an outstanding year in Bordeaux and we found each of these wines a true pleasure. The 1971s were highly regarded when they came on the market, but we have found several of them disappointing and don't feel they'll give you as much satisfaction for the money. All our 1970 suggestions are either Classified Growths or châteaux that have otherwise attracted the experts' attention in recent years. You'll be able to serve any of them with pride and with a little astute wine-reading, you'll be able to let the experts taste along for you and tell you when to serve them at their peak.

By buying early and taking advantage of sales and case discounts, you can add to this nucleus economically—and eventually have a truly lovely wine cellar

The second category includes eight Bordeaux and Burgundies that can be uncorked a little sooner than the first grouping. The Burgundies are in this section precisely because Burgundies today are usually vinified to mature within a relatively short time. Again our price limit has forced us to forget about the best-known names (which usually do take longer bottle age)—and with the extremely high Burgundy prices, even many domaines that are not so well known. Also again, any good book or any good wine retailer can guide you through the stratospheric wines, and hopefully through some good buys you might find at a little below the stratosphere. By the time the Burgundies listed are ready to uncork, you should be able to replace them with the 1974s. The best growers made good 1973s but it would take practically a vineyard-by-vineyard list to choose those from among the thin, watery examples made elsewhere in the region. And don't wait for the 75s—for the most part, last fall was a wet, soggy, sad harvest time in Burgundy. The Bordeaux in this second part include several suggestions for good buys from years other than 1970, all to open while you're letting your first group come nicely of age.

Now add five of California's best, five outstanding Cabernet Sauvignons. The Cabernet Sauvignon has long been considered the premier grape of California and these five choices show just how fine a wine it can produce. You won't be disappointed.

WINES TO BUY NOW FOR FUTURE DIVIDENDS

You may be tempted to open these now—but all will be better for the waiting

And, finally, expand your horizons with five fine Italian wines and four unknowns from California. As prices have roller-coastered in other wines, the Italians have consistently offered wines at affordable prices, especially those for everyday drinking. These are well-priced wines but don't confuse them with everyday wines—they're worthy of storing away and then pouring at important dinners. Nor are the Californians completely unknown. They are, however, from grapes that in the past have been referred to as "having potential" in California. The four examples here can show you how that potential is being realized—beautifully. All in this category are naturals for serving when you're expecting a wine snob who talks only First Growth Bordeaux or Best-Rated Burgundy. That person will never be converted anyway, but these wines can prove that you're not intimidated by his boasting and that you had the taste to recognize good wines from other areas early in their lives. (All prices quoted are New York City prices, most from Sherry-Lehmann or Forest Hills Liquor, and may vary elsewhere.)

EIGHT 1970 BORDEAUX

All of these will reward with at least another three years in the bottle. Better yet, do not open until after Christmas 1980.

CHATEAU D'ANGLUDET, $7; Grand Cru Exceptionnel, Appéllation Margaux Controlée; already quite deep, full and rich.

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John Richardson entertains

'ALWAYS KEEP IT SIMPLE'

By CARMINE PORCELLI ☐ "I have a tendency to serve my guests what I like to eat myself," admits John Richardson, "and I always keep it simple, as I do all of the shopping and preparation myself."

Richardson, a sought-after figure in the social, literary and art worlds of Manhattan, is a former vice-president of the prestigious Knoedler art gallery and recently was named managing director of the new Artemis International Art Dealing Group. He's also currently at work on two art history books: one on his friend the late Pablo Picasso, the other on the School of Paris. Prior to coming to the United States, the London-born Richardson was art critic for England's *New Statesman* and author of books on Picasso, Braque and Manet. He then assumed the directorship of Christie's, the noted auction house, when the firm opened its first branch in New York City.

Contrasted to a rather staid English background (his father was a "Victorian General" who later "invented" the Army and Navy store), Richardson finds the American way of entertaining much more relaxed and far less demanding. "I love having friends to my home," he says, and spontaneity is his ideal. "I don't like anything too contrived—my tablesettings would hardly be acceptable to Tiffany's! I do, however, believe in nice, clean double-damask linen. My chief concern is matching the food to the company."

Three courses is his ideal for a good dinner. A typical meal may consist of black bean soup laced with Sherry and sprinkled with homemade croutons, a cold salmon

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with trimmings and fresh-baked fruit compote *mit schlag*.

"I have the Rosedale Fish Market cook the salmon. It costs about $40 and I can serve 18 people. Or else I can have 12 for dinner one night and then make a fish pie on the following evening for six or eight."

Richardson's guests (polyglots, he calls them) tend to be "an international smorgasbord": visiting artists from England, such as old friends Francis Bacon and David Hockney, Writers Gore Vidal and Truman Capote, stars such as Mick Jagger or Actor Jack Nicholson and social





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With his usual style and élan, John Richardson (far left) finishes off his table with distinctively folded white napkins. The ultimate in apéritifs, Champagne, is set out by an open-work basket of fresh white flowers (top center), with brandy and monogrammed plates from Italy awaiting beside a big silver tray of fruit—in front of a framed gift from his friend Pablo Picasso (bottom center). Brilliant yellow walls are a stunning backdrop for his art (below) and table. With top left uncovered, the table (near left) is a sophisticated showcase for black-on-white china, old silver, shaded 19th-century candlesticks and salmon with capers.

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Beaujolais-Villages, chilled, always pleases. So does a white Alsace Riesling called Hugel." At John Richardson's, you can depend upon the food, the company and the easy informality he favors. As for his basic recommendation, he has the answer—as usual—down pat.

"You mustn't overextend yourself on fancy food and tables or fun and games unless you have the luxury of a large staff. Don't have a large staff unless you have a large house. Keep it all simple. The rule of three is good: three courses at dinner, three wines (a white, a red and 'bubbly' if you are flush), and three tables of six."

luminaries like Babe Paley, Suni Agnelli and Lee Radziwill. Bessie de Quevas, an international hostess herself, says of Richardson's evening parties, "They are always easy and delightful. The guests are bright, food superb. Service never lags and, after

'my chief concern is matching the food to the company'

dinner, a whole new group often appears."

Richardson's seating arrangement is highly sensible. "I always seat the chatterboxes next to the listeners. Most of my friends are fairly articulate. It's good to have what I call 'quality blotting paper' to soak up what is being said."

His basement dining room, furnished with Victoriana in what he calls "English Vicarage style," is filled with paintings and drawings collected with an eye for the unusual. Turkish water colors counterpoint Picassos and Braques; 18th-century mezzotints enhance 20th-century abstractions, African sculptures, Chinese artifacts. The result is both easy and eclectic.

Richardson feels "good smells" are very important. He also favors candlelight as being "soothing and flattering." A great favorite of his in the "good smell" category is "Erable" by Jansen of Paris.

"I never play music during dinner," he says. "It gets in the way of conversation. But I am fond of a little hard rock to get a cocktail party going and a little Monteverdi to suggest it's time guests went home!"

As to drink, "People are drinking less spirits and more wine these days. I never serve cocktail canapés. They ruin what's coming. As for wine, I don't believe in spending a lot of money on what's called a 'vintage bottle.' I want a dozen 'good bottles' or roughly one per guest. A healthy, young red



By HELEN McCULLY □ **It's all here: a veritable gold mine of information on one of the most satisfying of the kitchen arts—pickling and preserving. If you've yet to know the pleasure of "putting up," as the old cooks used to say, in order to "put down" (store) the fruits of the summer, there is no better time to start than now. In addition to all the necessary factual information, we give you, with great pride, some of the most delicious recipes we've ever put tooth to. And you'll also find two great recipes with some preserving wisdom from Jacques Pépin, The House Beautiful Chef, on page 107.**

PETER PIPER'S PEPPERED PICKLES

- 4 pounds cucumbers, preferably the European type or Burpee Burpless
- 1 bottle (0.4 ounces) calcium hydroxide (powder # 40)*
- 2 gallons water
- 1½ cups white vinegar (see *page 114*)
- 9 cups sugar
- Peppercorns, 2 to 3 tablespoons per pint
- 1½ teaspoons salt (see *page 114*)

Slice cucumbers ¼-inch thick, starting at pointed end. Stir together calcium hydroxide and water. Add cucumbers. Let stand, uncovered, 24 hours in a cool place (no need to refrigerate). Stir occasionally. Next day, drain cucumbers and rinse well in large amounts of cold water. Mix vinegar, sugar, peppercorns and salt. Pour over cucumbers. Let stand overnight. Simmer cucumbers, ½ at a time, in vinegar-sugar mixture until translucent—about 20 minutes. As cucumbers are cooked, lift with slotted spoon to hot, sterilized canning jars. Fill jars with pickling syrup leaving ¼-inch head space. Seal with clean, dry metal lids. Cool, label and store. Makes about three pints.

Good with open faced sandwiches, smoked tongue, pastrami.

*Calcium hydroxide can be ordered from your pharmacist.

LONI KUHN'S PARSLEY PICKLES

This recipe and the Curry Pickles below are from Loni Kuhn, an extremely talented cook who writes the newsletter, *Cook's Tour*, and gives cooking classes. For more information, write to Mrs. Loni Kuhn, 91 Commonwealth Ave., San Francisco 94117.

- Brine (1 cup salt, 9 cups water)
- 10 pounds pickling cucumbers (gherkins)
- 3 pounds pickling onions, peeled
- 5 quarts white vinegar (see *page 114*)
- 6 cups sugar
- 6 to 7 large cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 to 3 big bunches parsley, stems cut off
- 1 large root horseradish, sliced

Make the brine in a container large enough to accommodate all the vegetables. Add the cucumbers and onions (there must be sufficient brine to cover the vegetables completely) and place a plate on top with a weight to make sure they remain covered with brine. Let stand 24 hours. The following day, drain and rinse the vegetables in cold, fresh water.

Bring the vinegar and sugar to a boil. Place a clove of garlic in each hot, sterilized pint jar. Pack with "cukes," onions, lots of parsley and sliced horseradish. Fill the jars with the boiling mixture, leaving a ¼-inch head space. Seal with clean, dry metal lids. Cool, label and store. Makes about 13 pints.

LONI KUHN'S CURRY PICKLES

- 7 pounds pickling cucumbers (gherkins)
- 6 to 7 cloves garlic, peeled
- ⅓ cup salt (see *page 114*)
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 2½ tablespoons mustard seed
- ½ cup pickling spices
- 1½ teaspoons turmeric
- 1½ teaspoons cayenne
- 1½ quarts white vinegar (see *page 114*)

Combine all the ingredients *except the cucumbers and garlic* in a large, heavy kettle. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cook until the mixture coats a spoon.

Meanwhile, pour boiling water over the cucumbers. Drain and wipe dry. In each of six or seven hot, sterilized pint jars, place one garlic clove. Pack with the cucumbers. Add enough of the boiling mixture to cover the cucumbers, leaving ¼-inch head space. Seal with clean, dry metal lids. Cool, label and store. Makes six to seven pints. Do not use for three months.

DILL PICKLED GRAPES

- 1 cup white vinegar (see *page 114*)
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon pickling spice
- ½ teaspoon dill weed
- 1½ pounds seedless grapes, stemmed (about 4½ cups)

Boil together vinegar, sugar, pickling spice and dill weed for five minutes. Add grapes. *Cook exactly one minute,* stirring (grapes will lighten in color). Take off heat. With slotted spoon, lift grapes to hot, sterilized jars, filling to ½ inch of rim. Cover with syrup, leaving ¼-inch head space. Seal with clean, dry, metal lids. Cool, label and store. Makes about four half pints.

MUSTARD PICKLES

- 2 quarts whole pickling cucumbers (gherkins)
- 1 quart small pickling onions, peeled
- 2 cauliflowers, broken into flowerets
- 1 cup salt (see *page 114*)
- 1 gallon water
- 3 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup turmeric
- ¼ cup dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 quarts white vinegar (see *page 114*)
- 8 cinnamon sticks
- 16 whole cloves

Combine the three vegetables in a large kettle. Add the salt and water. Let stand overnight. The following morning, drain, reserving the brine until it is needed.

Mix together butter, flour, sugar, turmeric, mustard, *1 teaspoon salt* and the pepper in a large kettle. Slowly stir in the vinegar until it's thoroughly mixed in.

Bring the reserved brine to a boil in a large kettle. Blanch the vegetables in the hot brine in small batches for about two minutes. While they're still hot, pack, drained, in hot, sterilized pint jars. Fill the jars with the hot mustard sauce, leaving ¼-inch head space. Insert a cinnamon (*Continued on page 106*)

GEORGE DEGENNARO

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AT HARVEST TIME, A PICKLING & PRESERVING PRIMER



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stick and 2 whole cloves in each jar. Seal with clean, dry, metal lids. Cool, label and store. Makes about eight pints.

Serve with almost everything.

PICKLED CALIMYRNA FIGS

2 cups sugar
½ cup white vinegar
1 cup water
1½ pounds dried Calimyrna figs
Whole cloves
1 lemon, sliced

Combine sugar, vinegar and water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. *Simmer three minutes.* Stick a clove in each fig. Arrange figs and lemon slices in shallow baking pan. Cover with hot syrup. Bake three hours in a preheated 225° oven. Pour into hot sterilized jars, leaving ¼-inch head space. Seal. Cool, label, store. Makes two pints.

Serve as garnish with ducks or roasts, take on picnics or use as a Thanksgiving gift.

RED PEPPER JELLY

1¼ pounds sweet red or green peppers (3 to 4 large), cut up
2 canned green chilies, chopped*
1 cup white vinegar (see *page 114*)
1 teaspoon salt
5 cups sugar
⅓ cup lemon juice**
6 tablespoons liquid pectin (see *page 114*)
Bay leaves

In the electric food processor using the steel blade or with the electric blender, coarsely chop enough peppers, a few at a time, to measure 2½ cups. Pour into four-quart pan. Add chilies, vinegar and salt. Bring to a boil, then simmer three minutes. Strain mixture through several layers of cheesecloth. Measure 1½ cups into pan. Add sugar and lemon juice. Bring to a boil, stirring. Immediately stir in pectin. Then bring to a full rolling boil. *Boil hard for one minute, stirring.* Take off the heat. Skim off foam. Pour into hot, sterilized jelly glasses and tuck a bay leaf into each glass. Cover with a thin layer of hot paraffin (*page 114*). Makes 4½ cups.

*Tabasco, to taste, can be used in place of the canned green chilies.

**Drop the lemon in boiling water for a few minutes and it will yield more juice.

FRESH PARSLEY JELLY

2 large bunches parsley
2 tablespoons lemon juice, strained*
1 package (1¾ ounces) powdered pectin (see *page 114*)
4½ cups sugar
3 drops green food coloring

Wash parsley. Chop in electric food processor or electric blender. Measure 4 cups into a bowl. Add 3 cups boiling water. Cover and let stand 15 minutes. Pour into a cheesecloth bag and squeeze over a bowl to extract all the juices. Discard the parsley. Measure 3 cups of the juices into a large pan. Stir in the lemon juice and pectin. Bring to a hard boil, stirring. Stir in sugar and food coloring. Bring to a hard boil again and boil *one minute exactly,* stirring constantly. Take off the heat. Skim. Pour immediately into hot, sterilized jelly glasses. Garnish, if you like, with dried parsley sprigs. Cover at once with a thin layer of hot paraffin (*see page 114*). Cool, label and store. Makes about 4½ cups.

Serve with veal, fish, roast chicken or roast lamb or use in sandwiches made with watercress and sliced onion. For the Happy Holidays, give it away and let someone else figure out what to do with the stuff. These serving ideas also apply to Red Pepper Jelly.

*Drop the lemon in boiling water for a few minutes and it will yield more juice.

LOW-CALORIE FRESH PARSLEY JELLY

4 large bunches fresh parsley
Sugar
Grated rind of 2 lemons
½ cup lemon juice, strained (about 2 lemons)
5 envelopes unflavored gelatine

Place parsley in a large kettle. Add 16 cups water. Bring to a boil and boil 10 minutes. Strain. Discard parsley. Measure liquid (there should be 15 cups) and pour back into the kettle. Bring to a boil and boil rapidly until reduced to five cups. For each cup, stir in 2/3 cup of sugar. Stir until dissolved. Add lemon rind and juice. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 25 minutes.

Sprinkle the gelatine over 1⅔ cups of cold water. Add to the syrup in the kettle and stir until dissolved.

Pour into hot, sterilized eight-ounce jelly jars. Seal with paraffin (*see page 114*). Cool, label and store. Makes six glasses.

Serve with cream cheese and unseasoned crackers, toast or hot bread or to accompany chicken or veal. One tablespoon of the parsley jelly adds up to 30 calories.

HELEN AND JOHN ILIFF'S TOMATO PUREE

The Iliffs, dedicated gardeners and cooks, recommend fresh ripe tomatoes and very particularly the pear tomato, because it is juicier than other types and does not need to be cooked down so much. It takes about 1½ pounds to make one pint (two cups) of purée.

5 pounds fresh ripe pear tomatoes
¾ cup olive oil
2 onions, peeled and minced (about 1 cup)
2 cloves garlic, crushed and peeled
1 cup grated carrots (about four to five carrots)
1 cup finely chopped celery (about two ribs)
Salt to taste
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Salt to taste
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

Quarter the tomatoes and remove any white pithy spot, black spots or worms. Place in a large heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Press through a sieve, food mill or vegetable strainer (*see below*). Pour hot into hot jars, leaving a ¼-inch head space. Adjust caps. Process half pints and pints 30 minutes in boiling water bath (*see page 113*). Makes about four pints. Cool, label and store.

The Iliff's are so enthusiastic about using the "fruits" from their garden, they have bought a tomato and vegetable strainer with an extra-large, removable hopper of heavy gauge aluminum. For others who are interested, it's $27.50 plus shipping charges, from the Bridge Co., 212 E. 52nd St., New York City 10022.

THE ILIFFS' TOMATO SAUCE

2 quarts tomato purée (see *above*)
¾ cup olive oil
1 large yellow onion, minced (about 1 cup)
2 cloves garlic, crushed and peeled
1 cup (about two ribs) celery, minced
1 cup (about four to five) grated carrots
2 tablespoons salt or to taste
1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
⅓ teaspoon sugar or to taste
1 tablespoon minced fresh basil

Combine olive oil, onion and garlic in a heavy saucepan with ½ cup cold water. Bring to a boil and boil until all the water has evaporated and the onion is soft and translucent—*but not brown.* If necessary, add more water. Add the celery and carrots to the remaining onion/oil/garlic mixture and bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. *Discard garlic.* Add all remaining ingredients and simmer, partially covered, for one hour. Keep a sharp eye so they don't burn.

Purée in the electric food processor using the steel blade. Then use a rubber spatula to push through a coarse kitchen sieve. Discard the solids. Spoon into cup-size freezer containers such as Tupperware's. Cover tightly. Label, place in freezer. Makes seven to eight cups.

Serve hot with pasta dish and freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

NECTARINE ALMOND CHUTNEY

4 to 5 pounds fresh nectarines
⅓ cup minced onion
1 clove garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
2 cups (1 pint) cider vinegar (see *page 114*)
2 tablespoons salt (see *page 114*)
4 cups brown sugar, firmly packed
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves
2 teaspoons dry mustard
Rind of ½ a lemon (about 1 teaspoon)
½ cup chopped crystallized ginger
¼ teaspoon cayenne
½ teaspoon ground allspice
1 cup slivered almonds

Drop the nectarines into boiling water for a few minutes, then peel. Cut into chunks. Measure 2 quarts of the fruit. Place in a large kettle with all remaining ingredients *except the almonds.* Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 35 to 40 minutes. Bring up to a boil again and boil, stirring it occasionally, for 30 minutes or until the chutney has thickened. Stir in almonds. Take off the heat. Pour boiling hot into hot, sterilized jars, leaving ¼-inch head space. Seal. Cool, label and store. Makes about five pints. Serve with lamb or any curried meat.

CARROT RAISIN MARMALADE

2 medium oranges
3½ cups coarsely shredded carrots
1½ cups water
¼ cup lemon juice
1 cup raisins
4 cups sugar

With a potato peeler, peel off the outer rind from oranges, taking care not to pick up any of the white skin, then cut peel into slivers. Squeeze oranges and strain. Combine rind and orange juice, grated carrots (can easily be done in the electric food processor) and water in a heavy saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Cover pan and simmer 15 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Return to boil. Cook for 30 minutes over (*Continued on page 113*)

THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF

MY BEST PRESERVING

By JACQUES PEPIN □ In the past few years, pickling and preserving have been restored by enthusiasts all over the nation. There are, of course, instances where the result is more expensive and lower in quality than the sanitary, quality-controlled, inspected commercial products. But with some knowledge and love, you can achieve gratifying results—and enjoy products unobtainable on the market or too expensive to buy very often.

I have had the good luck and pleasure of having my own garden, and my family consumes many fresh vegetables during the summer. A few we pickle, preserve or freeze because they are far superior to anything that is found in the market.

"FRAISES AU SOLEIL"
(Strawberries in the Sun)

This is the most delicious strawberry preserve I have ever tasted. The whole berries are actually candied in the sugar and remain almost intact through the whole procedure.

4 pints (approximately 3 pounds) nice whole berries, well-ripened but not bruised, washed, hulled and dried
3 pounds granulated sugar
¾ cup water

Mix the sugar and water together. You will have barely enough water to moisten the whole amount of sugar. Place on heat and bring to a boil. Keep boiling for five minutes. The sugar may look whitish and crystallized, but it is all right. Add the strawberries to the syrup. Bring to a boil and cook for five minutes. The berries should release their juices and get lumpy and the syrup should become smooth, liquid and pink. Pour the mixture into a large roasting pan, spreading it so it is no thicker than approximately two inches. Place in the sun covered with a window screen to inhibit flies, bees and the like. Take back into the house at night. It should take about four days of sun. The liquid will slowly evaporate and the berries will soon become swollen again with the heavy syrup. You will notice that after approximately four days, the syrup is very thick and will not reduce anymore. Ladle into hot, sterilized jars and cover or seal with wax (*page 114*). Cool, label and store. Makes two pints.

CORNICHONS
(Small Sour Gherkins)

The Cornichons are miniature sour gherkins pickled in a spicy vinegar and served with cold meat, pot-au-feu, pâté, etc. They are very common in France, and the imported ones are very expensive and fail to be as good as the homemade variety.

If you don't know a cucumber farm, you have to plant your own pickling cucumbers. Try to get the Paris green, Chipper or Spartan variety. When the fruit develops, it should be picked very small (about 1½ inches long). Hence, you will have to pick every day, either in the morning or late afternoon, but *never in the full day sun.* After two or three days of picking, you should have enough to make one batch.

With a kitchen towel, rub the pickles to remove the small, fuzzy needles. Toss with coarse kosher salt and leave overnight. The next day they should have rendered their juices. Wipe the cornichons clean and arrange in layers in a clean jar.

Between layers, sprinkle whole black peppercorns (½ teaspoon for each pint jar), about 8 to 10 fresh, peeled, pearl (pickling) onions and a few sprigs of fresh tarragon. Pour enough white distilled vinegar to cover (*not higher than 4% acetic acid,* also called 40 grains). Cover the jar, label and put in a cool place. Ready to eat in about five to six weeks. ■



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By HELEN McCULLY

Are figs available the year round?

Dried figs (all varieties are available dried) are in the market the year round. The first crop of *fresh* Mission figs from California is harvested early in June and these are available through November. The second part of the fresh fig season starts in August with a second crop of Missions and the addition of the Calimyrnas and Kadotas.

How do fresh figs differ?

Mission figs (also known as Black Mission), first grown in the Spanish mission gardens in California, are purple-black, medium to large when harvested early and medium to small when harvested in the late summer and fall. Kadota figs (or Dattato) first introduced from Italy around 1870, have a yellowish-green skin, amber or violet pulp and are medium to large. They are used extensively for canning. Calimyrna (or California Smyrna) figs, brought from Turkey, are large with a gold-yellow skin and amber pulp that has excellent flavor. All fresh figs are delicious eaten out of hand but they can be, and are, used in cake-making, salads, candies, stewing and in pickling (see *page 104*).

How do you choose fresh figs?

A ripe fig is rather soft and varies in color according to the variety. Over-ripeness is detectable by a sour odor, which is due to fermentation of the juice. Bruised or mechanically injured fruit should be avoided because it breaks down very quickly. Fresh figs are highly perishable, should always be refrigerated and should be used within eight to 10 days after purchase.

What is cornstarch?

It's a white granular carbohydrate occurring naturally in corn. Refiners extract it from the corn kernel by a series of steeping, degermination, grinding and separating operations.

Is cornstarch used extensively in cooking?

Yes. All over the world: in England and the British Commonwealth countries, where it is called corn flour; in Mexico and South America, *fecula de maiz*. Cornstarch is used as a thickening agent in gravies, sauces, stews, puddings, pies and cake fillings. One of its many virtues is that it gives a satin smoothness and a glossy look without adding flavor. Oriental cooks like it especially for the translucent look it gives to foods.

Does cornstarch call for much cooking?

Obviously, that depends on what you are cooking. If a mixture is prepared in a double broiler, you need from seven to 10 minutes, stirring constantly, after thickening has begun to achieve complete gelatinization. But with sauces or gravies over direct heat, it only needs to boil one to two minutes, with constant stirring, of course.

Can cornstarch be used in place of flour?

Yes. One tablespoon of cornstarch can be used to give the same thickening as 2 tablespoons of flour in a sauce. Further, the cornstarch mixes into the liquid more rapidly, because it is much finer than flour. Always stir well just before serving.

Does anything happen to cornstarch when acids are added?

Yes. Acids such as lemon juice, tomatoes or vinegar should be added to the mixture *after it has been taken from the heat.* Added during the thickening period, such acid will cause a very rapid thinning of the cornstarch mixture.

How do you store almonds that have been taken from the original container?

Refrigerated in an airtight container. ■

THE MICROWAVE KITCHEN

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STEP-BY-STEP BLANCHING IN YOUR MICROWAVE OVEN

1. ***Prepare vegetables*** by washing, peeling, slicing or dicing as you normally would.
2. ***Measure*** only one pound or about one quart of vegetables per batch into casserole.
3. ***Add water*** (see following chart). DO NOT ADD SALT.
4. ***Cover*** casserole. SET POWER AT HIGH OR COOK SETTING.
5. ***Stir*** vegetables after half of time and after blanching. When blanched, vegetable will have a bright, even color throughout. Check vegetables at minimum time on chart. If color is not evenly bright, stir well and continue cooking to maximum time.
6. ***Plunge into ice water immediately*** to stop the cooking. Spread on paper towels and blot with towels to dry.
7. ***Package in*** one-pint (two-cups) freezing containers. Label, giving quantity and date.

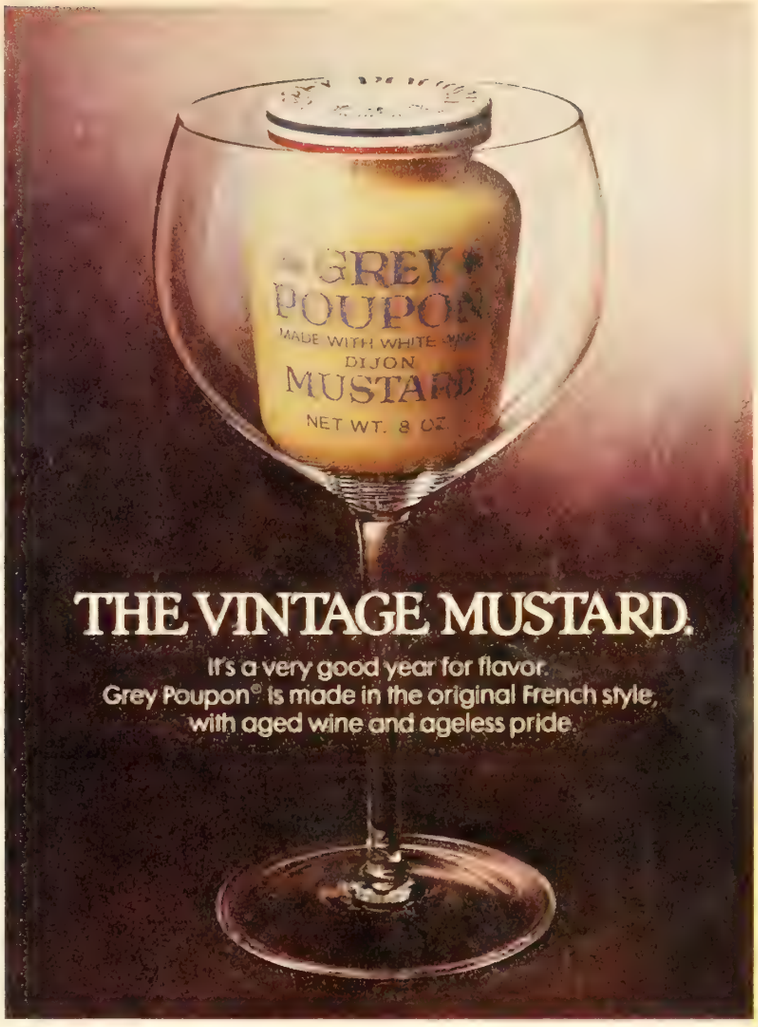
VEGETABLE BLANCHING CHART

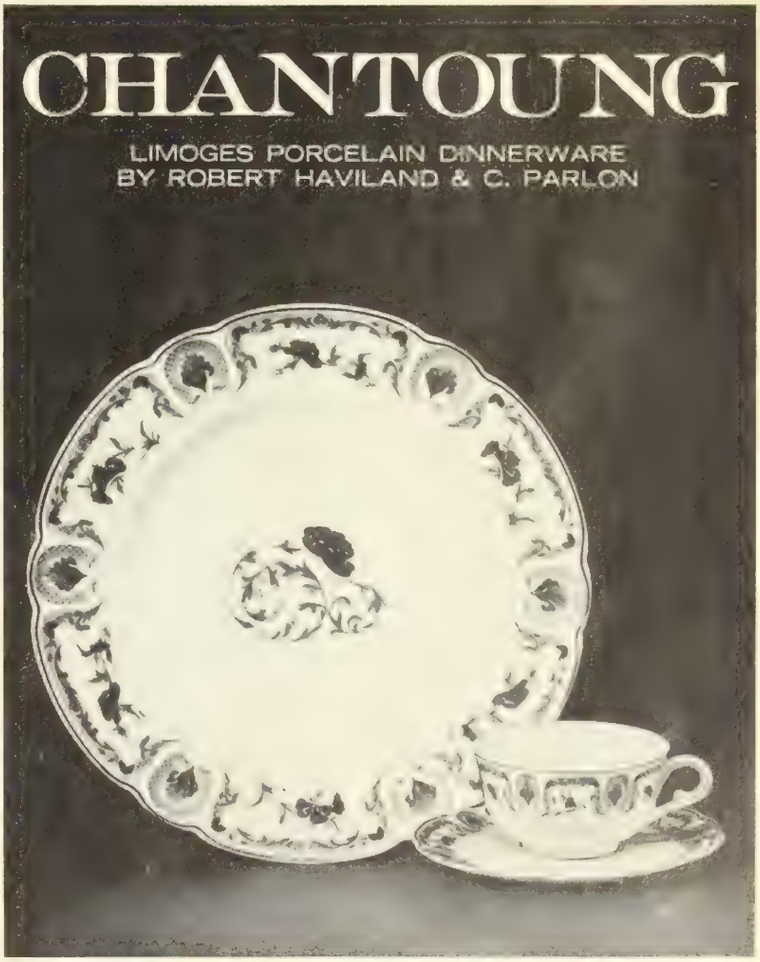
Vegetable	Amount	Casserole Size	Amount of Water	Time in Minutes
ASPARAGUS	1 lb., cut into one- to two-inch cubes	2 qt.	¼ cup	2½ to 3½
BEANS, GREEN OR WAX	1 lb.	1½ qt.	½ cup	3½ to 5½
BROCCOLI (ONE-INCH CUTS)	1 bunch 1¼-1½ lb.	2 qt.	½ cup	3 to 5
CARROTS	1 lb., sliced	1½ qt.	¼ cup	3½ to 5½
CAULIFLOWER	1 head*	2 qt.	½ cup	3 to 5
CORN ON COB	(see *below*)			
ONIONS	4 medium, quartered	1 qt.	½ cup	2½ to 4
PARSNIP	1 lb., cubed	1½ qt.	¼ cup	2 to 3½
PEAS	2 lb., shelled	1 qt.	¼ cup	3 to 4½
SPINACH	1 lb., washed	2 qt.	None	2 to 3
SQUASH, SUMMER, YELLOW, ZUCCHINI	1 lb., sliced or cubed	1½ qt.	¼ cup	2½ to 4
TURNIPS	1 lb., cubed	1½ qt.	¼ cup	2½ to 4

*Broken into flowerets

Before blanching corn, cut corn off the cob. Blanch corn, cut from 4 ears, at one time. Place in a one-quart casserole. Add ¼ cup water. Cover. Cook four to five minutes, stirring after two minutes. Cool by placing casserole in ice water, stirring occasionally until cool.

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WINES

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CHATEAU L'ANGELUS, $7; Second Growth, St.-Emilion; this wine is already so nicely balanced that if you taste it, you will find it hard to wait for it to reach its peak.

CHATEAU BOUSCAUT, $5.79; Classified Growth, Graves; from a château that has had a lot of interest in recent years because it is now owned by a group of Americans, this vintage is well worth your trying to see how they're doing.

CHATEAU FONROQUE, $4; Second Growth, St.-Emilion; fruity and flavorful, though more austere than others mentioned.

CHATEAU GLORIA, $6; Cru Bourgeois, St.-Julian; a château that has been highly praised for several years, often above châteaux of higher rank in the traditional classification; the 1970 is especially full and flavorful.

CHATEAU DE PEZ, $6; Cru Bourgeois Supérieur, St. Estèphe; fruity and fine, should develop very well.

CHATEAU PRIEURE-LICHINE, $6; Fourth Growth, Margaux; a true beauty from American Connoisseur Alexis Lichine's château, already exhibiting both depth and roundness, you could begin to drink now, but we hope you'll save it.

CHATEAU PHELAN-SEGUR, $6; Cru Bourgeois Supérieur, St.-Estèphe; lighter in body than most of the others listed, but it should make for tasty drinking.

EIGHT WINES FOR SHORT-TERM STORAGE

CHATEAU DALEM 1970, $2.49; Côtes de Fronsac; our "budget Bordeaux" mentioned in the text, this is young yet but already showing good balance; give it another two years.

CHATEAU FIGEAC 1969, $5; First Growth, St. Emilion; a find at this price and a wine that will be ready to drink in another year (but even better with three more years of bottle age).

CHATEAU LEOVILLE-BARTON 1967, $6; Second Growth, St.-Julian; this price is a special rate that's been offered by several stores in Manhattan over the past six months; if you find it in your area, snap it up. We have to confess that we are already drinking this velvety beauty, but it is going to get even better and should have another year in the bottle (and we do have a case to go through yet).

MOULIN DE MARC 1971, $2.19; Graves; another "budget Bordeaux," quite sharp as yet, but with an underlying hint of smoothness that should make it a most serviceable wine in about two years or so.

PIAT BEAUJOLAIS MOULIN-A-VENT 1973, $4; although most Beaujolais are to be drunk within their first three years of life, we've included this estate-bottled Beaujolais-Villages to show the depth these can have; once its tannin has rounded off, it should make pleasant sipping, in late '77 or early '78.

GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 1971, $5; we found the Domaine Deray and the Domaine Quillardet 1er Cru Givrey-Chambertin especially fine, though you're unlikely to find those at this price. You should find other examples, however, to let you enjoy these Côtes de Nuits wines in two more years or so.

CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET 1971, $5; lighter than some other 71s, this is an elegant Côte de Beaune that should please in another year—and though prices vary by shipper, you should be able to find an example in this price range.

CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY LES AMOUREUSES 1972, $6; from a spotty year in Burgundy, this is a wine with character and balance (we especially like the Domaine Graffier) and should be a graceful addition to your menu in another year or two.

FIVE OF CALIFORNIA'S BEST

Many people think the '68 and '69 Cabernet Sauvignons both surpassed the 1970s—but there was very little of it to try.

BEAULIEU VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 1970, $5, this is the regular bottling, not the very limited Private Reserve, but we think you'll find it delicious in a couple of years. If your store doesn't have '70, skip ahead to the '72.

ROBERT MONDAVI CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1970, UNFINED, $7; an elegant big wine that Robert Mondavi thinks will live for 20 years. We'd say to try it in about five or six. If the 1970 is not available in your area, watch for the 1974 (called Reserve bottling, instead of "Unfined").

LOUIS MARTINI CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1970, $4; only recently released, this is a stunner at the price—and Louis Martini is to be commended for holding to his normal price pattern. Hold at least two to three years.

CLOS DU VAL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1972, $7.50; still heavy with tannin, this is a Cabernet evidencing a distinct Bordeaux style and should live a long time. But note for the future that the 1975 Clos du Val Cabernet, fruity and flavorful while still in the barrel, was made with a higher percentage of Merlot (about 18%) and doesn't offer such longevity.

PARDUCCI CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1973, CELLAR MASTER SELECTION, TALMADGE RANCH VINEYARDS, $5; tasted a week after bottling, this Cabernet already seemed to have it all together—but wait about five years before pouring it.

FIVE EXPLORATIONS INTO ITALY

The Italians like their wines without sediment and frequently with a somewhat woody taste. Open all of these at least an hour before serving, even after another few years' aging.

CONTRATTO BAROLO 1968, $6; big and full, this is yet an atypical Barolo with a fruitiness not often found in these premier wines from Italy's premier wine area. Hold at least five more years. (The young fruitiness is also evidenced in the Barolo Marchese Madoria 1968, not as widely distributed as the Contratto.)

TERRE DEL BAROLO 1969, $5; more of a classic Barolo, this should be a big, full, rich wine and we'd guess that you should store it away for at least six to eight years. If you can't find the Terre del Barolo, look for the Borgogno Barolo '69, though it's not full-bodied. In some areas, you'll find the excellent Calissano Barolo Riserva Speciale 1964 ($5). A traditional Barolo, this is showing body and flavor but still has several years to go yet.

TROGLIO GATTINARA 1962, $6; also from the Piedmont and from the same Nebbiolo grape as Barolo, Gattinaras are usually more elegant and velvety. This is just beginning to show some of that finesse but could use another couple of years in the bottle. If you can't find the '62, look for the '64.

NOZZOLE CHIANTI CLASSICO 1969, $5; the half-bottles are beautifully developed, so the full bottles should be put down for probably another two years (if not a little longer). And if you haven't yet experienced the grace a well-made, well-aged Chianti Classico offers, you have a treat in store. The Badia a Coltibuno '69 is also a lovely example of the type, though in very limited distribution in this country, and the Villa Antinori '69 is another fine example. The 70s and 71s are generally lighter and will not need as much bottle time.

LUNGAROTTI RUBESCO 1970, $4; this wine is a delightful surprise from an area (Torgiano) not known for major wines. It's still young but should be full and soft and nicely textured with another year or two—an excellent buy for the price.

FOUR SURPRISES FROM CALIFORNIA

PARDUCCI CARIGNANE 1973, $3; we've said many times we really didn't see the need for a varietal Carignane, but John Parducci has produced an interestingly fruity wine from this grape commonly used to add color to other blends. Let it mellow for three to four years.

INGLENOOK PETITE SIRAH 1973, CASK RESERVE, $3; made with a beautifully flowery nose on a wine full of depth, this Burgundy-type wine is far superior to many California Pinot Noirs. Hold it for four to five years.

SONOMA VINEYARDS PETITE SIRAH 1973, $3.35; another exemplary bottling that fulfills the Petite Sirah promise—and also a wine to hold for five years or so.

CALLAWAY VINEYARD WINERY PETITE SIRAH 1975; one of the spectacular wine events in New York in many years was the California dinner at the Four Seasons in March, offering





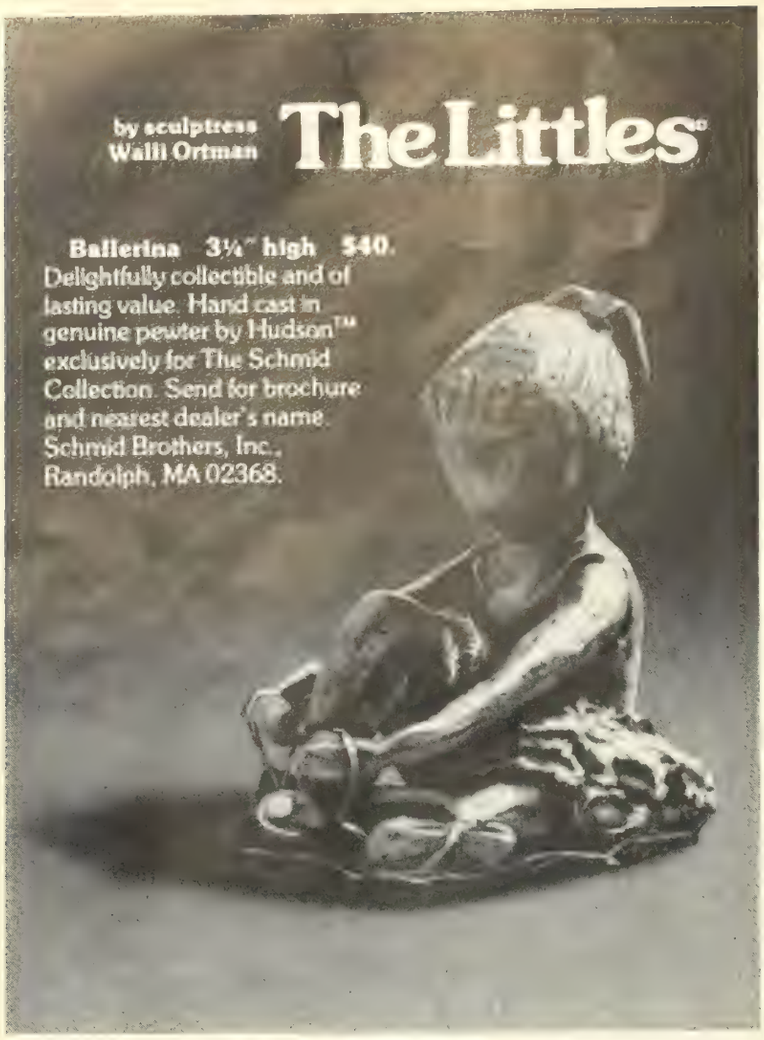
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whites not yet on the market or reds drawn from the barrel from 17 different California wineries, all with appropriate foods and with an older example of the wine for comparison. When the Callaway Petite Sirah arrived, it was so deeply colored it almost stained the glasses—and so full of body that it was moved down two places on the menu, to mate it with a fuller food. It's the only wine we've listed that isn't yet on the market, but we have given a couple of extras as alternates—and we think the wine worth listing so you can be one of the first in your neighborhood to lay it away.

If you're just beginning to think about laying away wines instead of buying as you need them, your greatest temptation may be to open these now. Don't. All will benefit from more time in the bottle and you may not be able to replace them at current prices. You may read that many of these are drinkable now and, yes, some are beginning to be drinkable. But the drinking is not nearly as rewarding as it will be in the future.

Holding our list to 30 meant that we had to leave out many other possibilities, in all categories. You may find even better buys in your local stores, but tread gently: Those retailers who have made a specialty of wines will be able to guide you; those whose business and stock are primarily in liquors may be sadly lacking in the kind of detailed knowledge you need.

You can, of course, increase your supply of our suggestions that are available—and don't forget that most merchants offer a discount when you purchase a case of any one wine. But if you chance upon what looks like a super buy in Bordeaux, there is a great one-name source of help: Harry Waugh.

A distinguished oenophile who has been associated with wines for 40 years, Harry Waugh is an easy-reading writer who brings to his books both sound judgment and an open-minded joy in discovering good wine. His 1973 book, *Winetaster's Choice*, gives a wine-by-wine report of numerous tastings in 1971 and 1972 (including first impressions on the 1971 Bordeaux); his 1972 *Diary of a Winetaster* covers his 1970-early 1971 tastings (including remarks on the '67 and '69 Bordeaux). Both books are published by Quadrangle, at $6.95 each. Both include reports from Burgundy, German and California tastings, too, but his emphasis is on Bordeaux and that's where we've found him most helpful.

For example, a recent sale notice from Forest Hills Liquor contained a listing for Château Dalem 1970, a Côtes de Fronsac, at $2.49, a personal selection of the store's wine consultant, Harold R. Bearak. He's a friend whose taste we trust but, still, we weren't really familiar with anything from the Côtes de Fronsac, so we checked *Winetaster's Choice*. That particular wine isn't covered, but Côtes de Fronsac is written of as a Bordeaux region offering exceptional values in the 1970 vintage. The wine turned out to be one of the best $2.50-wines-we'd-never-heard-of-before that we've ever tried.

While you are purchasing wines to lay away is, incidentally, one of the best times to build up a rapport with a retailer. If you dash into a store at a busy time to purchase a bottle of wine to serve with dinner that night, it's unrealistic to expect a retailer to devote a lengthy discussion time to you. But if you choose a quiet time for the store and explain that you'd like suggestions for several wines to put down (hopefully with our list in hand), you may find that merchant a real help.

One of the electrically powered units for storing wine at just the right temperature can be a sound investment if you live in a hot climate or are going to put down a lot of wines.

Ideally, wines should be stored at a *constant* temperature of 55-60°. If the temperature of your chosen storage area is a few degrees higher or lower (but never above 70°), the wines will not be hurt, as long as the temperature is relatively stable and does not swing up and down. Light is another confirmed enemy of wine and constant vibration also can hurt.

Unless you have a solidly built rack in the basement or a thermostatically controlled, closed unit, we think it's wiser to store your wines of the future apart from your wines for current drinking. A visitor attracted to a wine rack can stir up a lot of sediment—as you can, if you unintentionally jar the rack when you take out a bottle. If you enjoy the eye-appeal of a wine rack, fill it with whites and reds you plan to open soon and store your futures in a well-ventilated, dark closet, away from the heat or extreme cold, on their sides in sturdy racks or in wine cartons set on bricks (to keep them away from on-the-floor vibrations).

Once you begin buying for the future, you'll find yourself much more aware of special sales (*Continued on page 169*)

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a medium heat, stirring frequently, until jelly stage is reached (see *page 114*). Pour at once into hot, sterilized jars, leaving a ¼-inch head space. Seal with clean, dry metal lids. Cool, label and store. Makes about two pints.

Serve with baked ham and smoked meats, with peanut butter in a sandwich, as a stuffing for baked apples or, melted with butter, as a sauce over your choice of vegetables.

MINTED PEAR JAM

½ cup fresh mint leaves with stems (packed tight)
2 pounds fresh Bartlett pears
Grated rind of 1 lime (1 tablespoon)
⅓ cup lime juice, strained*
7½ cups sugar
Few drops green food coloring (optional)
½ bottle (6 ounces) liquid pectin (see *page 114*)

Bruise the mint leaves with a wooden spoon. Then combine all the mint with ¾ cup of water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil and *boil exactly one minute*. Cover and let stand 10 minutes. Strain, pressing the leaves to extract all the juices. Halve, peel and core the pears. Cut in eighths, lengthwise, then slice crosswise very thin. Measure. You should have one quart. Combine the pears, mint infusion, lime rind and juice in a large (four-quart) kettle. Stir in the sugar. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Boil five minutes. Take off the heat and stir in the food coloring and pectin. Stir occasionally for five minutes, skimming off any surface foam.

Pour into hot, sterilized jars, leaving ¼-inch head space. Seal. Cool, label and store. Makes 10 half-pint jars.

*Grate the rind off the lime, then drop the lime into hot water for a few minutes and it will yield more juice.

PLUM BUTTER

3 pounds Santa Rosa plums (about 20), sliced and pitted
4 cups sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
***Big* dash *each* nutmeg, cloves and allspice**

In a heavy kettle with a broad, flat bottom, stir sliced plums and 1 cup of sugar over lowest heat. When juices flow, bring to a boil. Cook five minutes or until plums are tender. Pour into the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade. Chop, turning processor off and on, or chop in the electric blender for about two seconds. *Do not purée.* You want to have bits of the fruit to remain in the "butter."

Return mixture to pan. Add remaining sugar and spices. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium—the mixture should just bubble. Cook five minutes, stirring frequently.

To test for doneness, see the sheet test (*page 114*) or pour a spoonful into a chilled saucer. If no rim of liquid forms around the edge of the "butter," it is cooked perfectly.

Ladle at once into hot, sterilized screw-top jars, leaving ¼-inch head space. Seal with clean, dry metal lids. Cool, label and store. Makes six cups.

Serve on toast, muffins or warm cornbread, with cream cheese for breakfast, with roast pork and pork chops, marbled with sweetened whipped cream for dessert or over ice cream.

TO "PUT UP" FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, HERE ARE ALL THE FACTS

Equipment needed for all kinds of pickling, preserving, jelly-making:
In addition to jars and jelly glasses, you should have a funnel for filling jars, large metal long-handled spoons for stirring and skimming, proper pans and kettles, measuring cups, colander or large sieve and squeeze-type tongs to lift jars from the boiling water.

The types of utensils are most important:
For cooking, you'll need enamelware or stainless steel pans or kettles, deep enough so the liquid will not boil over. You will also need a large stoneware or nonmetallic container (glass, pottery or enamelware) for recipes that remain in a vinegar or brine solution for any length of time. *Do not use brass, copper, iron or galvanized utensils for this,* as the acid or salt probably will react adversely.

Jars must be sterilized:
Wash thoroughly in soap and warm water. Rinse well. Place on a folded cloth or on a rack in the bottom of a deep kettle. Add jars and cover with water. Bring to a rolling boil and boil for 15 minutes. Time by the clock. *Jars should remain in the hot water until ready to use.* Lift from the water with tongs and turn upside down on a cloth only long enough to drain. Fill at once. Drop the lids into the boiling water but *do not boil.* Leave in the water until you are ready to seal the jars. *Note well:* Dishwashers are not hot enough to sterilize. All jars and glass must be boiled as we have described in the text above.

How to seal jars:
The all-important thing to remember is that

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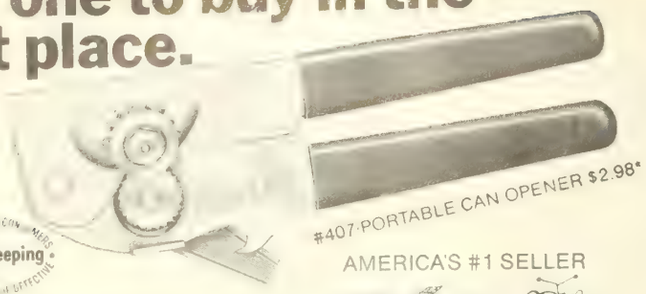
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How to process pickled fruits and vegetables:
The USDA recommends that all pickled fruits and vegetables be processed to prevent spoilage organisms and to insure a safe seal. Place filled jars in a large kettle containing boiling water. Add boiling water to bring water an inch or two over tops of jars. *Take care not to pour boiling water directly on glass jars.* Cover. When water comes to a rolling boil, start to count processing time. Boil gently and steadily for time recommended.

ABOUT SALT IN PICKLING

You must use pure salt: kosher or "cooking, pickling or canning" salt, which comes packed in five-pound and 10-pound bags. All of the free-flowing table salts, including iodized salt, have anticaking ingredients that would make the brine cloudy and sometimes even the surface. *Note:* If the pickling salt gets hard, pound to break it up.

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How to test for jellying point:
When making jelly without adding pectin, it is absolutely essential to cook the boiling syrup to exactly the right point. Thermometers are helpful (220° to 222° is the jelly stage), but experts tell us the sheet test should also be used, as jellying points aren't always the same. The jellying point is usually about 8° above the boiling point of water.

To make the sheet test, dip a large metal spoon into the boiling syrup. Tilt the spoon until the syrup runs from the side. When the jellying point has been reached, liquid will not flow in a stream but will divide into two distinct drops that run together and will "sheet" from the metal spoon.

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When filling jelly glasses, leave about ¼-inch head space. Cover immediately with about ⅛-inch hot paraffin. To seal properly, rotate the glass so the paraffin "climbs the glass" and makes an airtight seal. Do not be tempted to use two layers of paraffin because it is too heavy and will not hold a seal.

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24 SPLENDID GUIDES TO BETTER PICKLING & PRESERVING

For cooks who wish to expand their preserving and pickling prowess, we present: **A Primer for Pickles (a Reader for Relishes)** by Ruby Charity Stark Guthrie and Jack Stark Guthrie (101 Productions, $3.95 paperback), a collection of wonderful recipes handed down in one family for generations; **Jams & Jellies** by Jacqueline Wejman with absolutely fascinating essays by Charles St. Peter (101 Productions, $3.95 paperback); **A Preserving and Cooking Primer** by Jeanne Lesem (Knopf, $8.95), a great introduction to this area of cookery for the neophyte; **The Green Thumb Preserving Guide** by Jean Anderson (Morrow, $12.95), an extremely comprehensive book on canning, freezing, drying, storing, pickling, preserving, etc.; **All About Pickling** by James K. McNair (Ortho Books, $3.95 paperback), an exceptionally informative book, beautifully illustrated in full color, with step-by-step drawings.

Also **Putting Food By,** the No. 1 book about all the safe ways to preserve food, by Hertzberg, Vaughan and Greene (Stephen Greene Press for $8.95); **The Home Pro Guide to Vegetable Gardening and Food Preserving** (published by the 3M Co., paperback, $2.98), available nationally in hardware stores and other outlets; **The Canning and Freezing Book** by Dee Munson and the Culinary Arts Institute Staff ($1.95 in paperback), a basic book for preparing, canning and freezing every kind of food with how-to illustrations (send check or money order for $1.95 for each copy to The Culinary Arts Institute, 1727 South Indiana Ave., Chicago 60616); **Jams and Jellies** by May Byron, originally **May Byron's Jam Book** (1917), brought up to date (Dover Publications, $3 in paperback); the U.S. Department of Agriculture's **Complete Guide to Home Canning, Preserving and Freezing** (Dover Publications, $2.50 in paperback), which has it all—since this is a compilation of 14 USDA Home and Garden Bulletins originally published as a consumer service. It's an invaluable book, illustrated with how-to photographs.

The books that follow immediately (all superb guides to home canning and freezing) are, in a sense, straight from the horse's mouth, since Ball and Kerr are the only American manufacturers of jars. For the **Ball Blue Book** ($1) or the **Ball Freezer Book** (50 cents), another practical guide, and **Ball Start to Can Tomatoes Cookbook** (50 cents), easy-to-read, easy-to-follow learning guide, write to Blue Book, Box 2005, Muncie, Ind. 47302. For your **Kerr Home Canning & Freezing Book** ($1) and **Kerr 10 Short Lessons in Canning & Freezing** (10 cents) or **Kerr Guide to Home Canning and Freezing,** a 16-page booklet (free), write to Kerr Glass Mfg. Corp., Dept. HB, Sand Springs, Okla. 74063. From General Foods comes **The Wonderland of Homemade Jams & Jellies,** a very colorful booklet, helpful for both the beginner and experienced (50 cents), and **Extra-Special Jams & Jellies for Gift-Giving** (30 cents). For your own copy, write General Foods at P.O. Box 4045, Kankakee, Ill. 60901.

From the USDA, comes these four booklets: **Making Pickles and Relishes at Home** (H&G 927, 45 cents); **How to Make Jellies, Jams and Preserves** (H&G 56, 55 cents), **Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables** (H&G 8, 45 cents), **Home Freezing of Fruits and Vegetables** (H&G 10, 75 cents). For these government booklets write to Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colo. 81009. Be sure to specify name and number of booklets. Send cash, money orders or checks. Do not send stamps.

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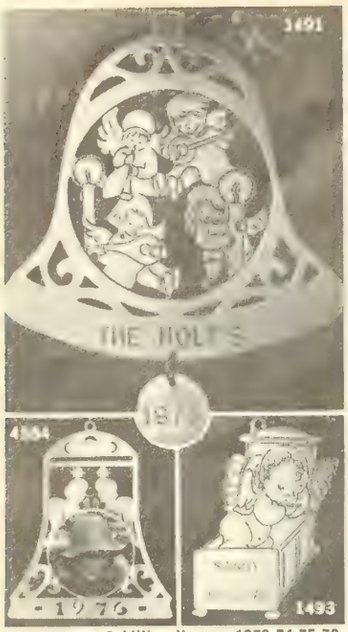
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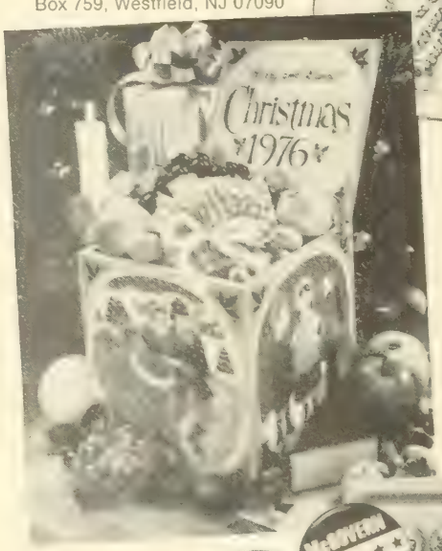


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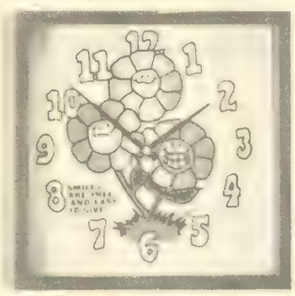
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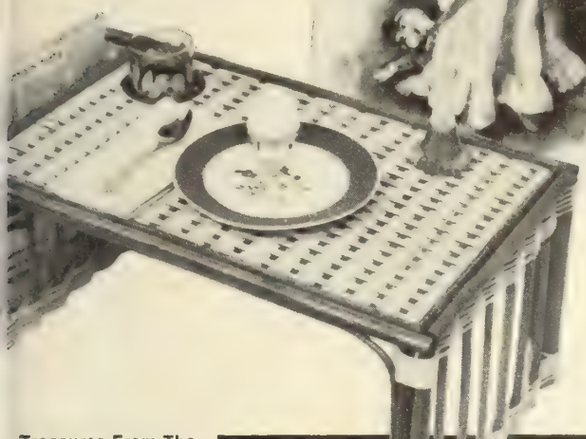
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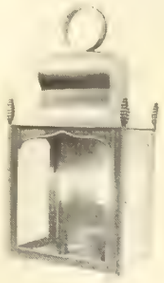
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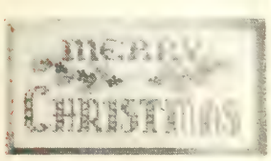
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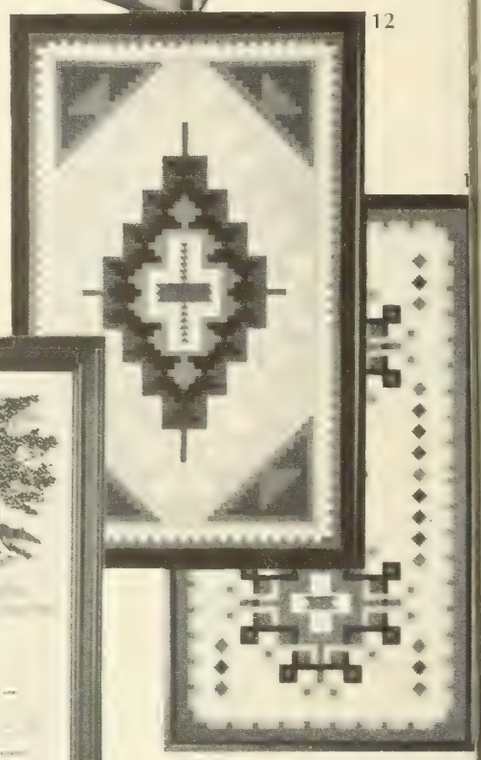


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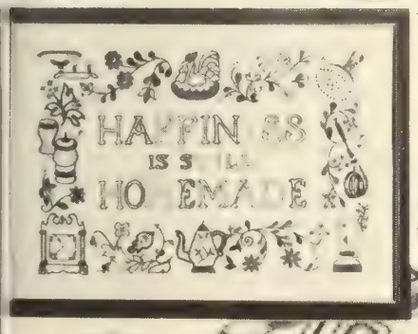


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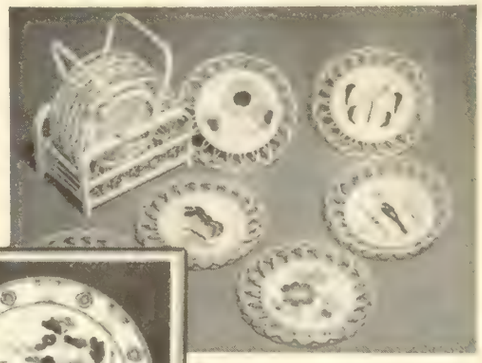
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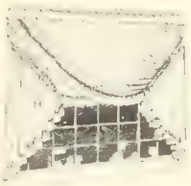
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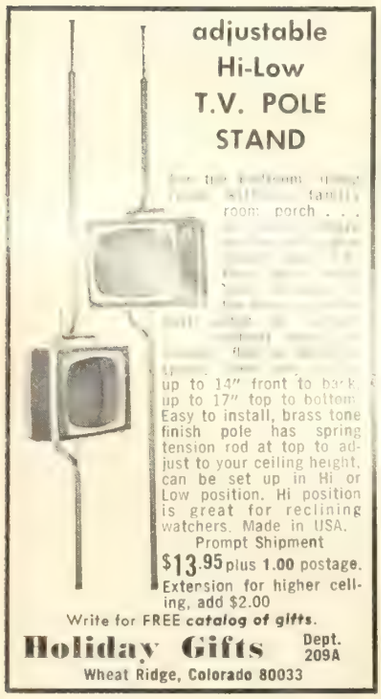
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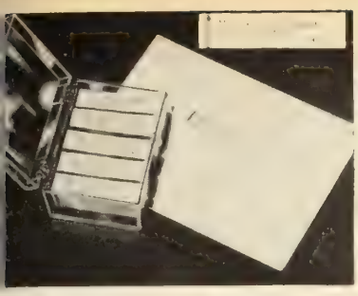
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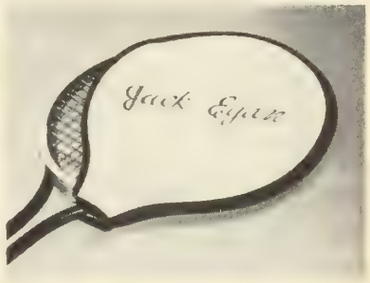
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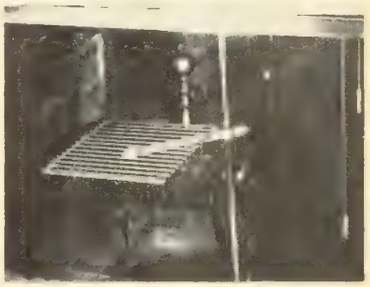
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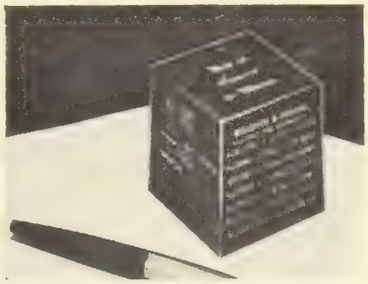
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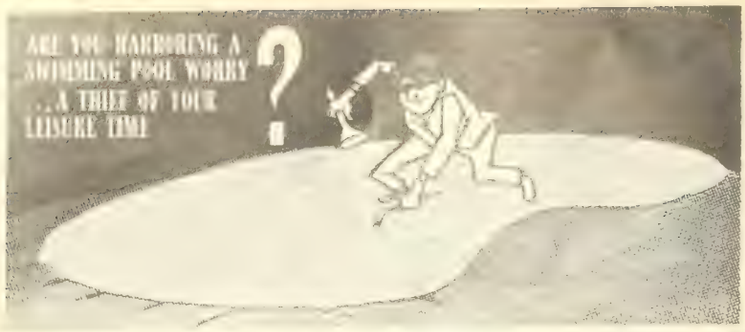
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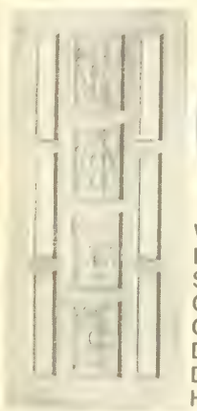


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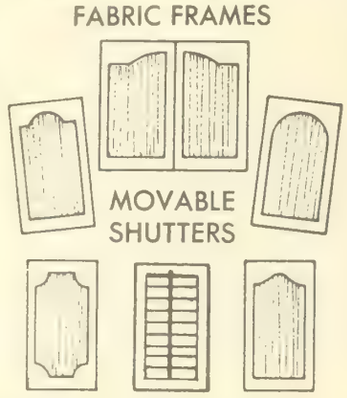


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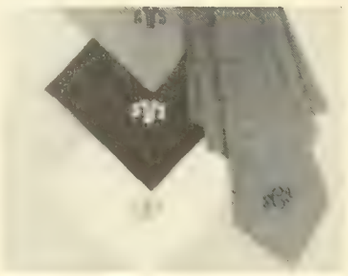
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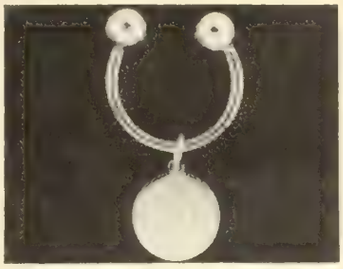
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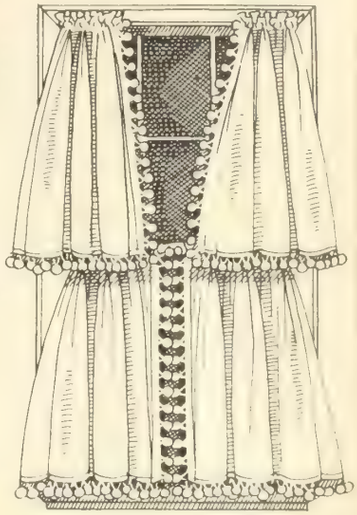
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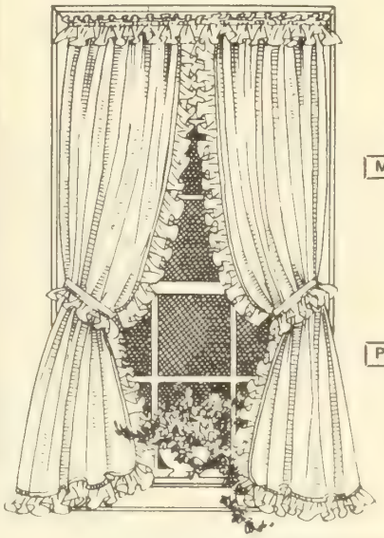
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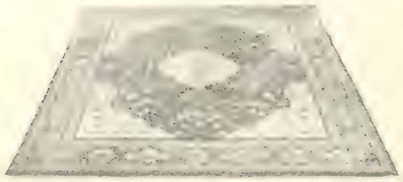
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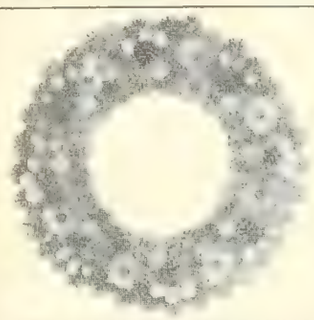
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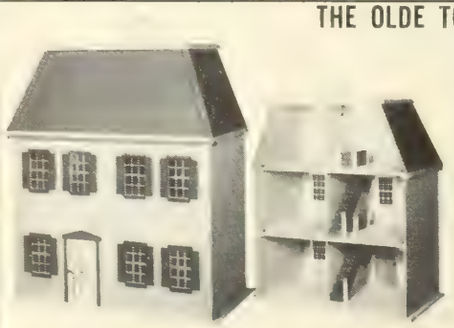
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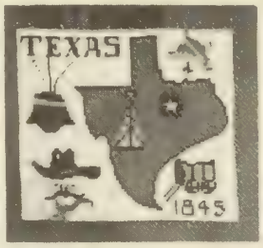


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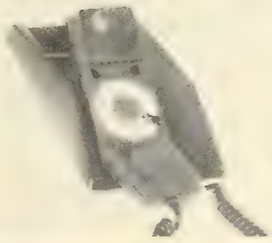
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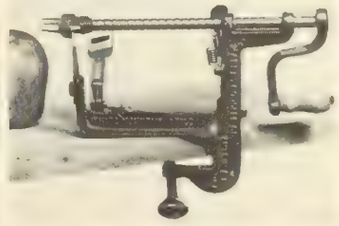
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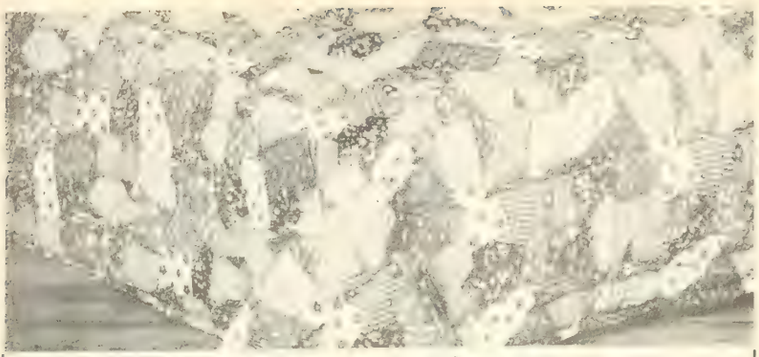
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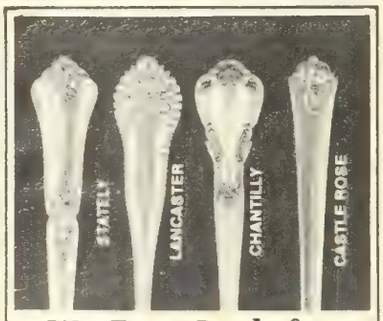
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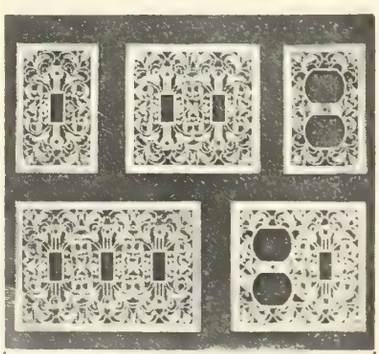
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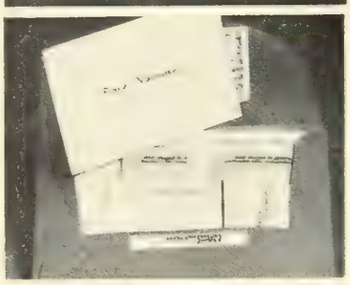
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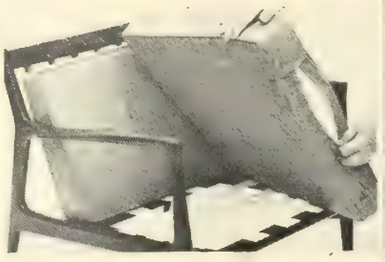
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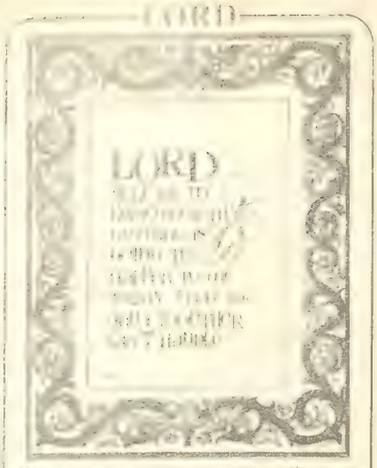
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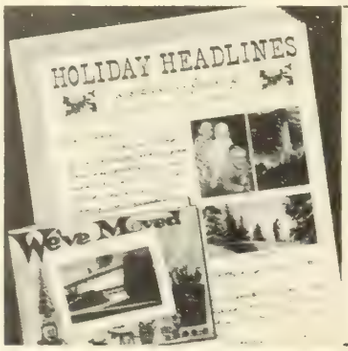
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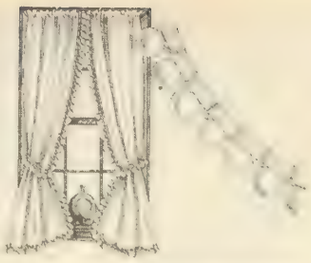
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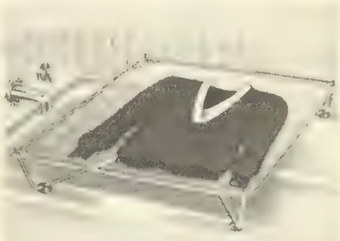
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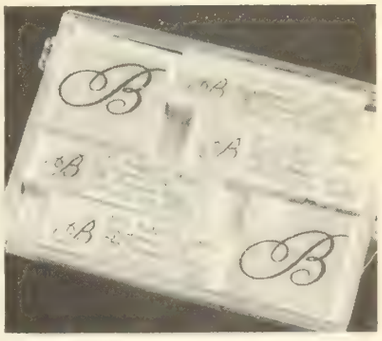
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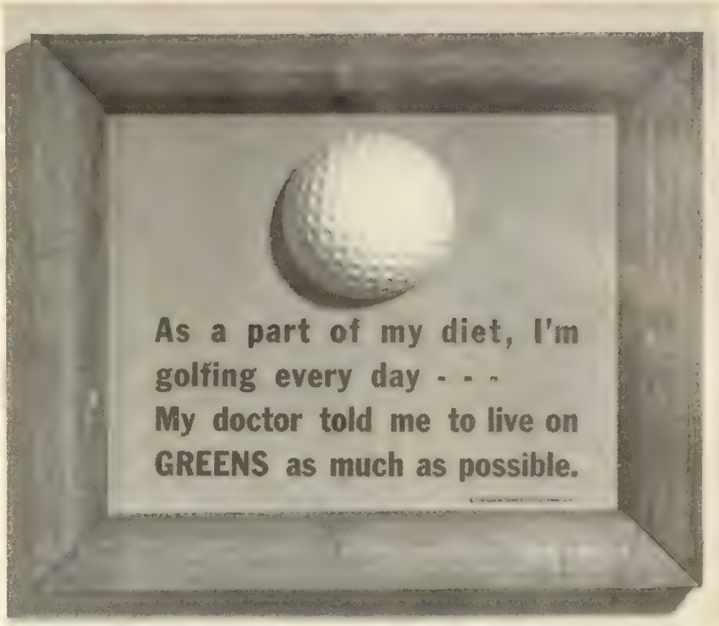
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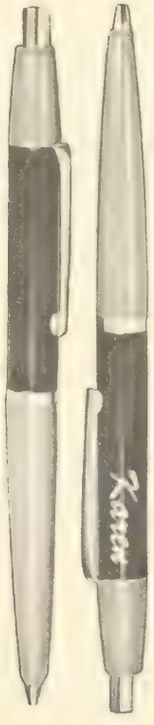
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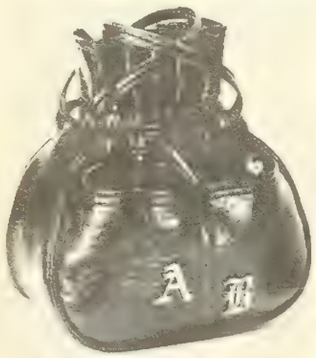
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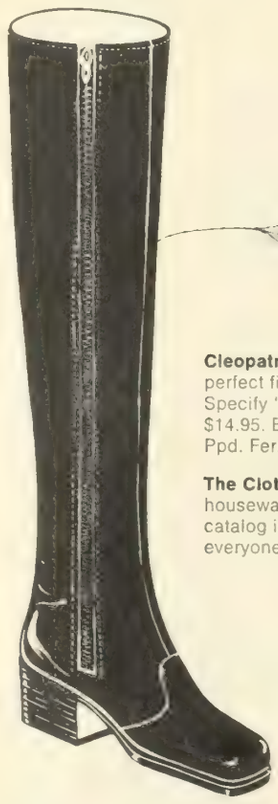
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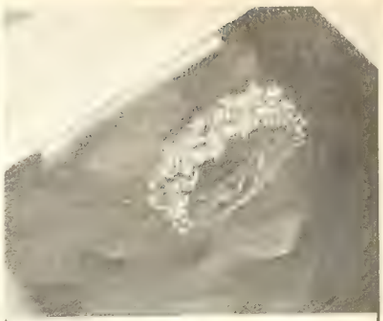
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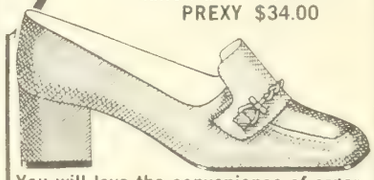
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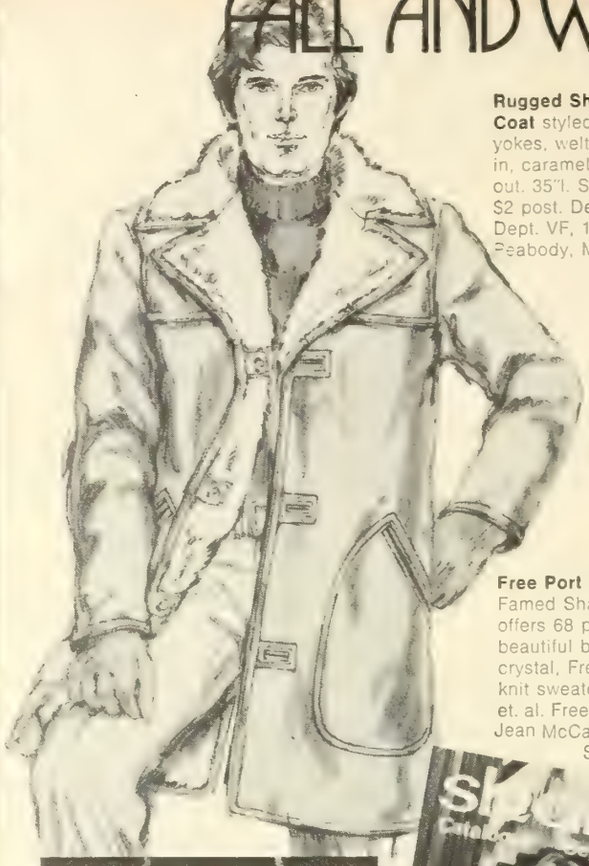
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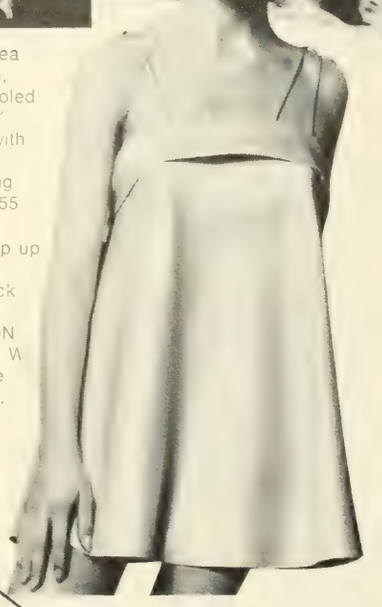
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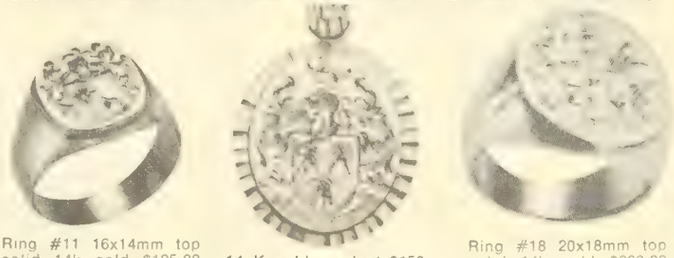
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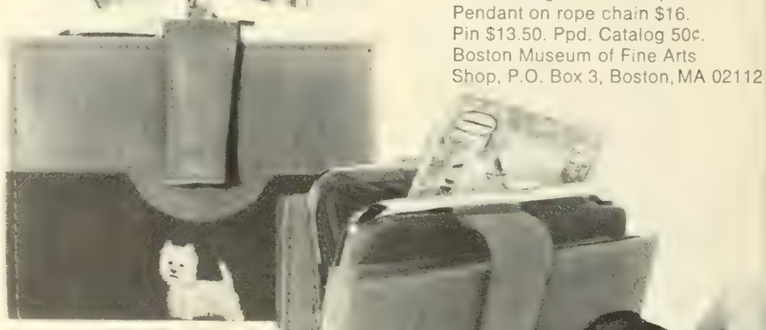
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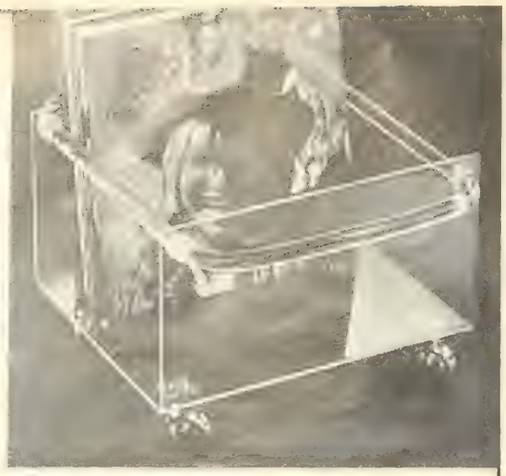
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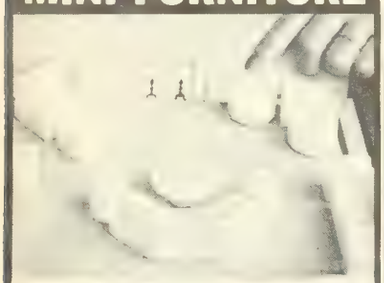


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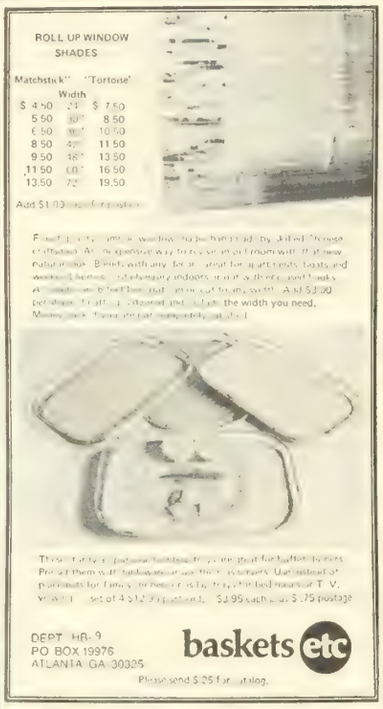
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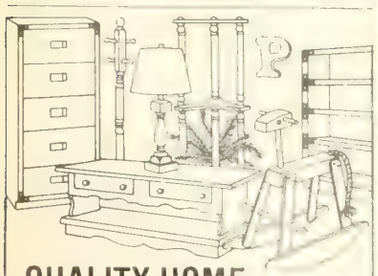
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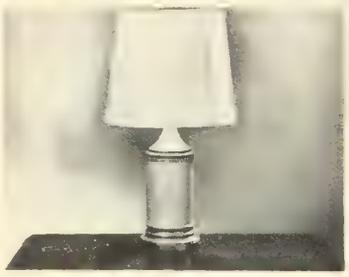
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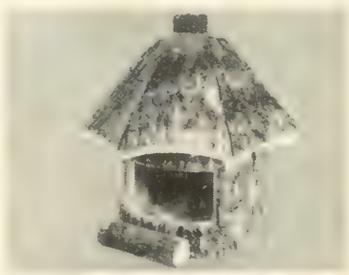
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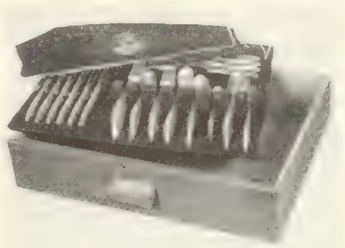
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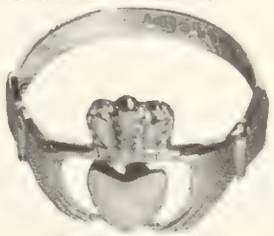
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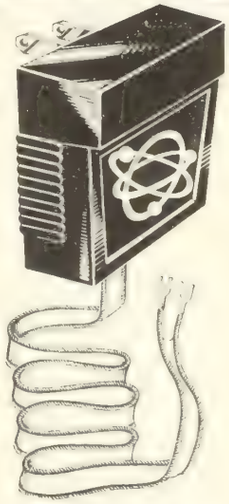
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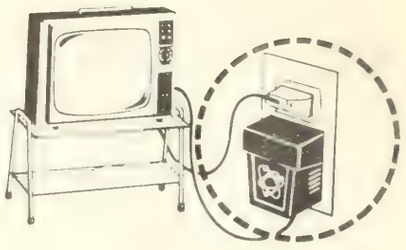
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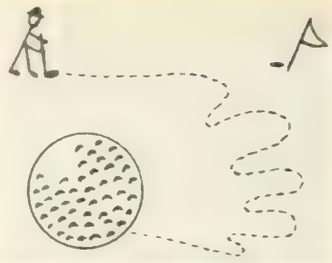
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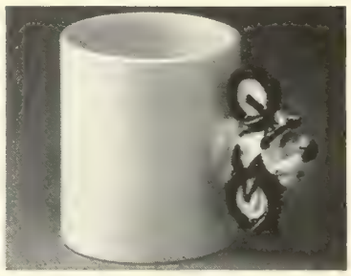
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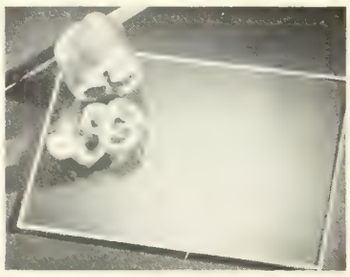
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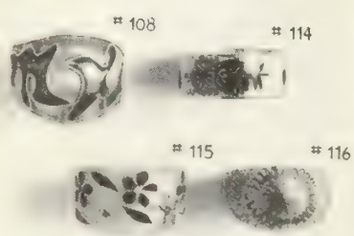
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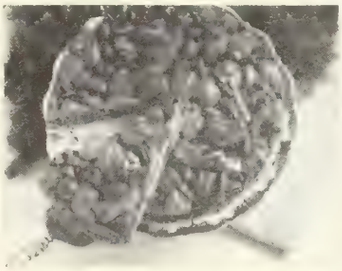
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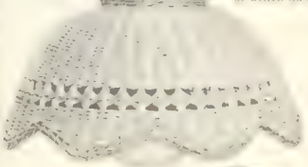
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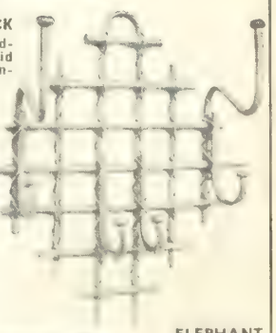
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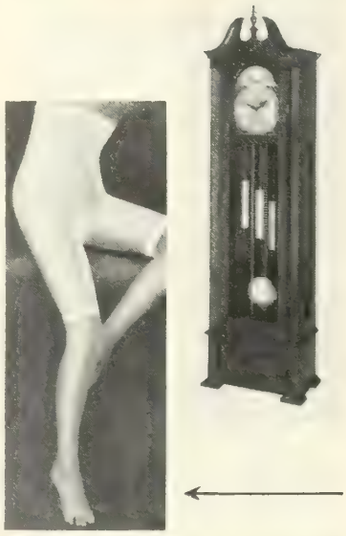
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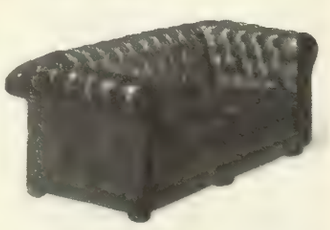


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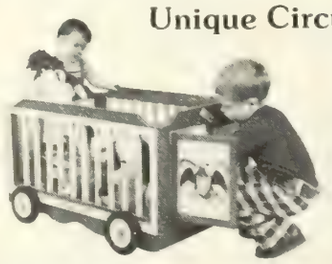
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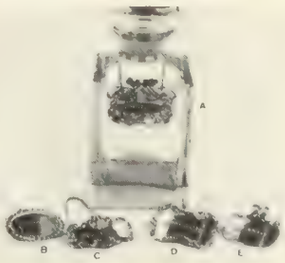
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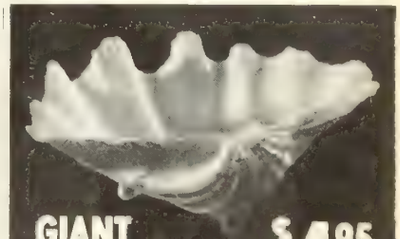


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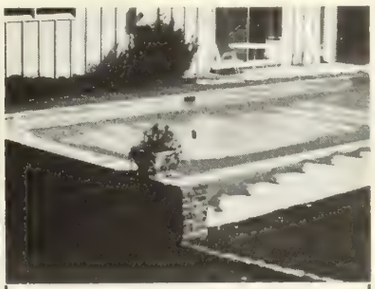
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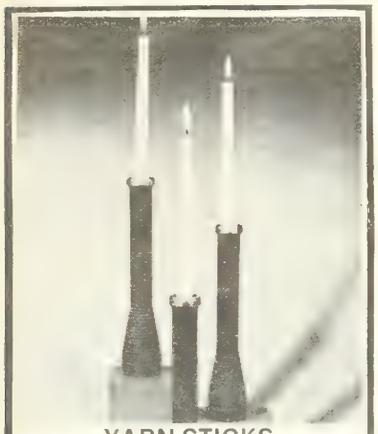


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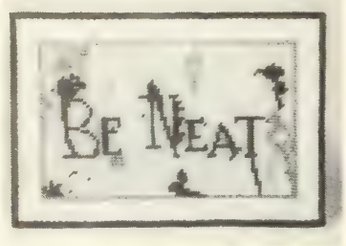
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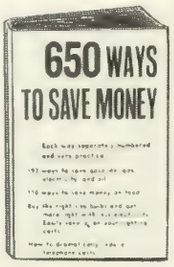
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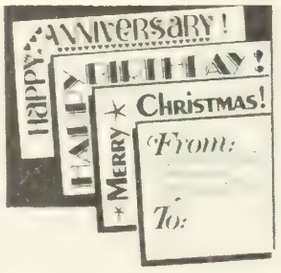
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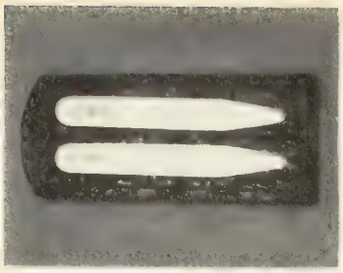


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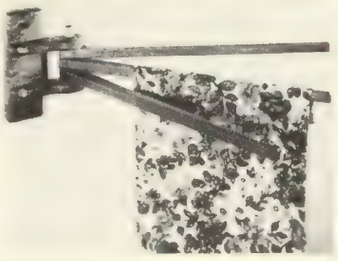
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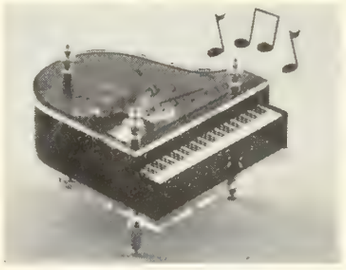
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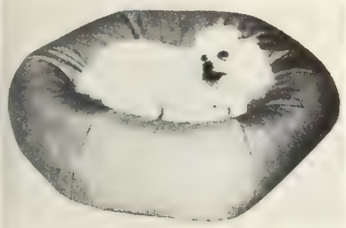
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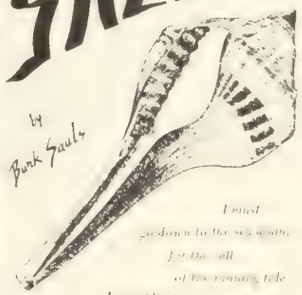
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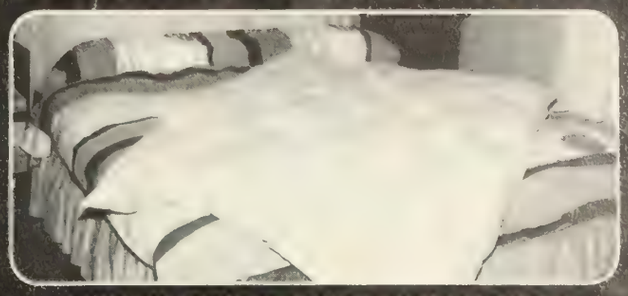
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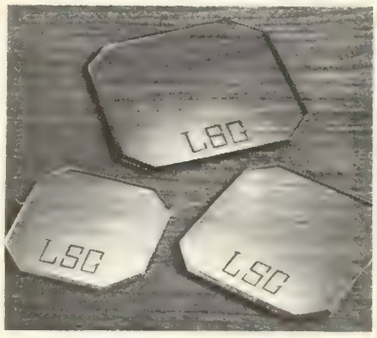
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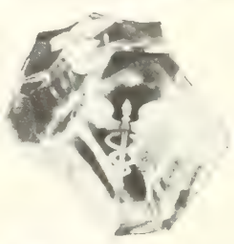
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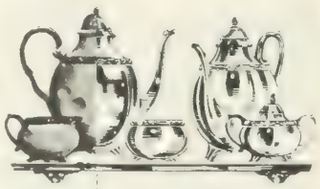
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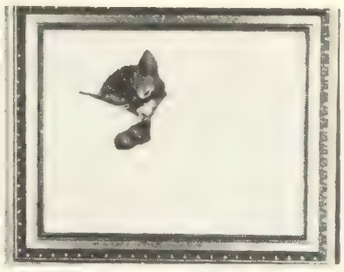
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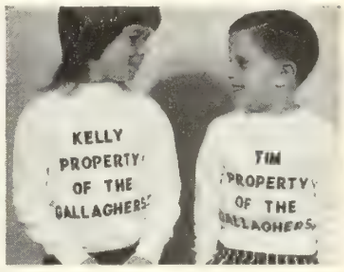
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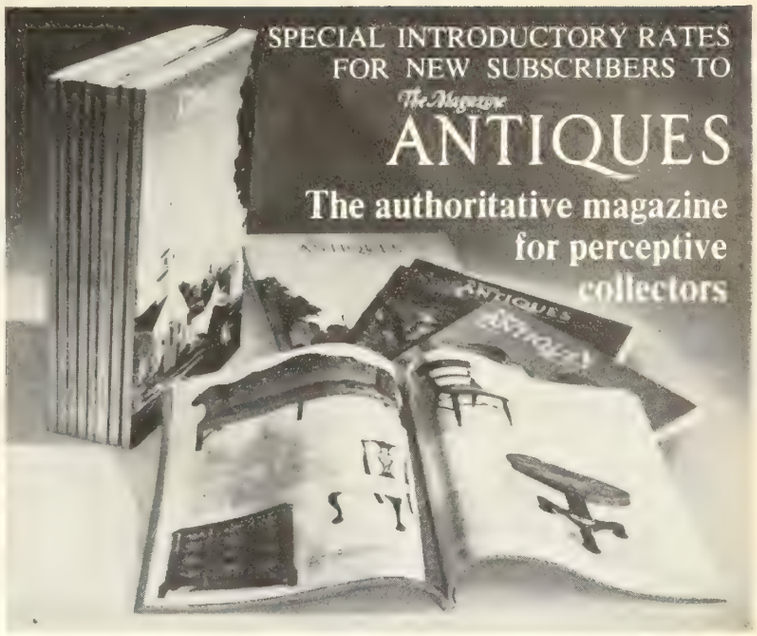


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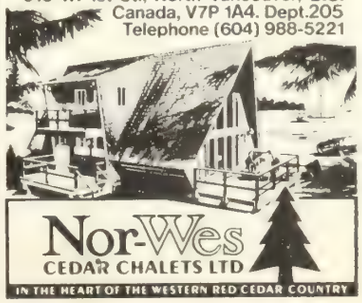
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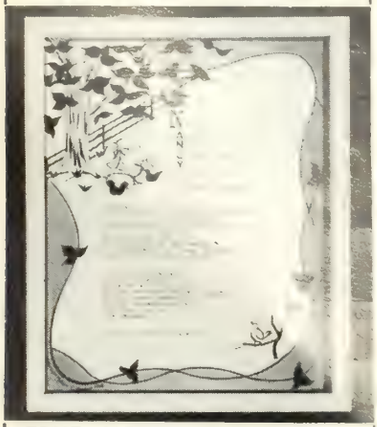
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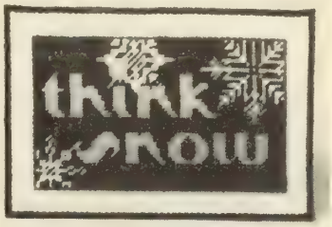
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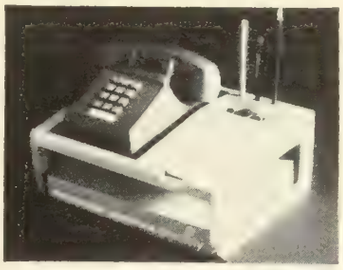
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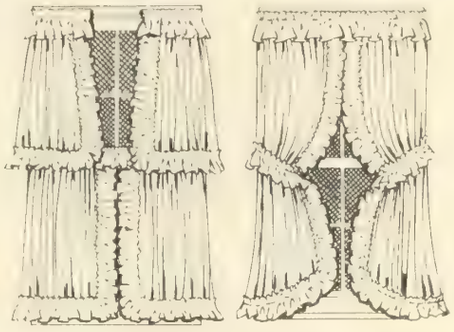
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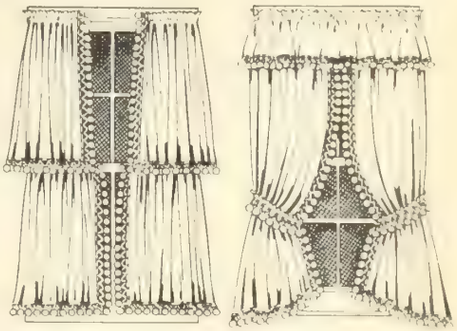
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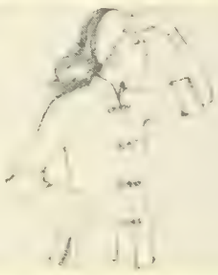
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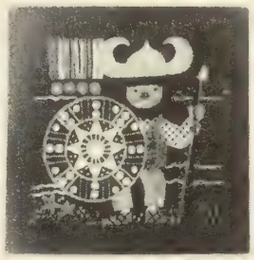
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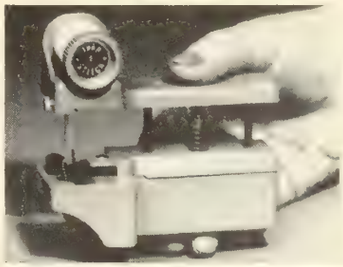
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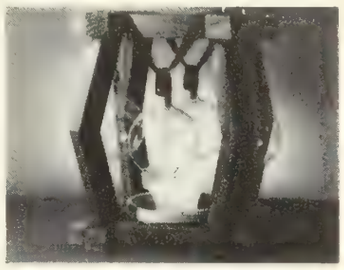
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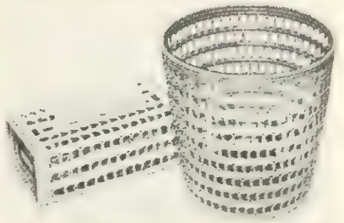
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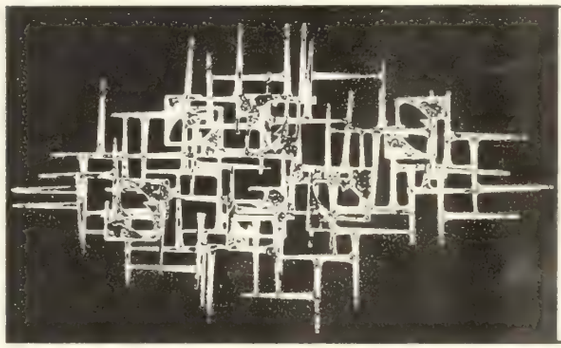
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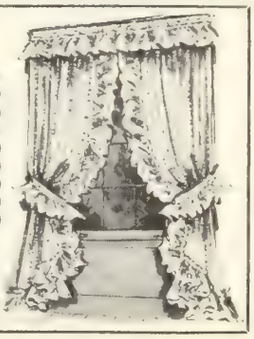
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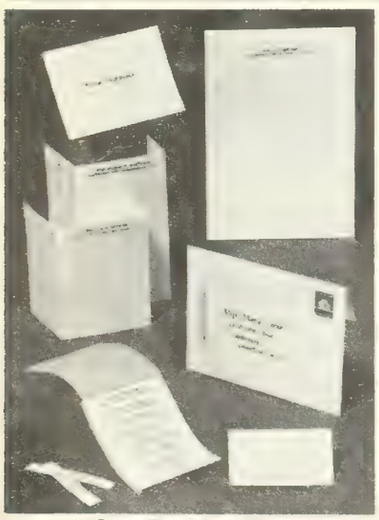
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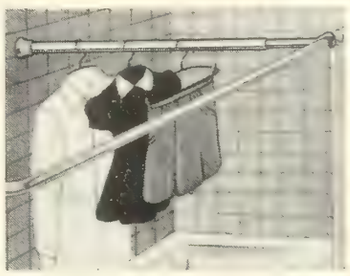
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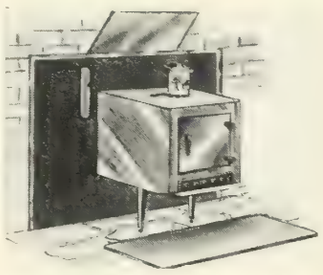
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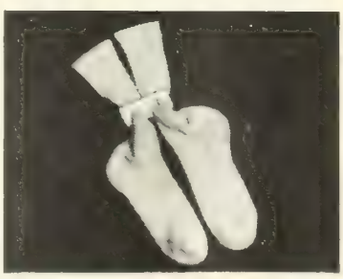
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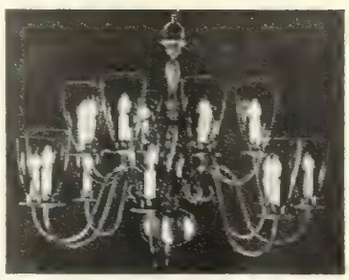
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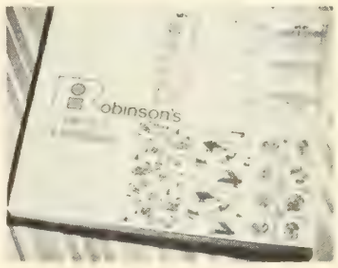
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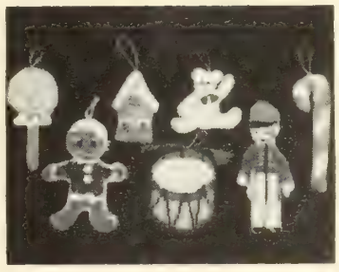
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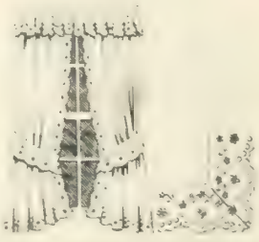
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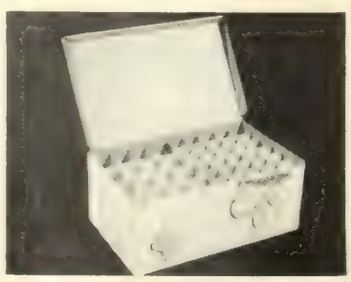
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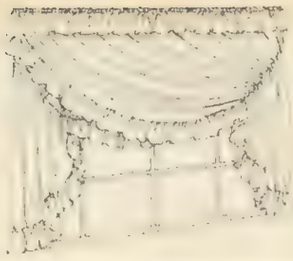


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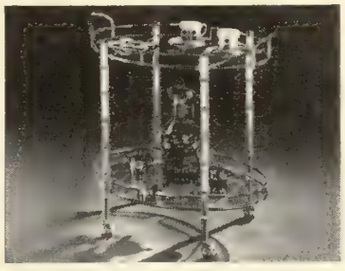
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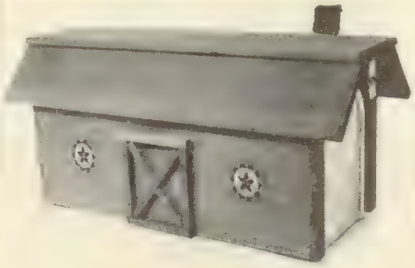
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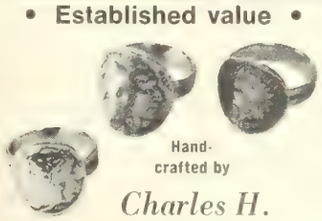
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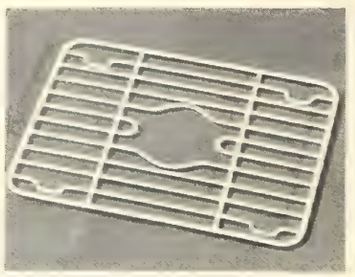
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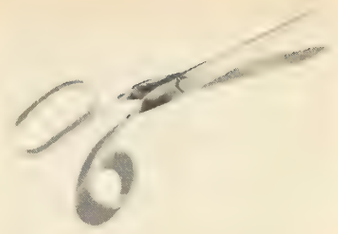


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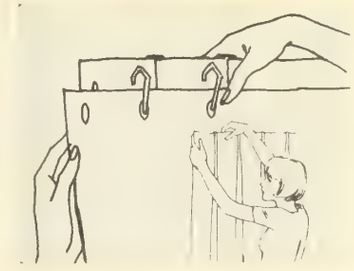
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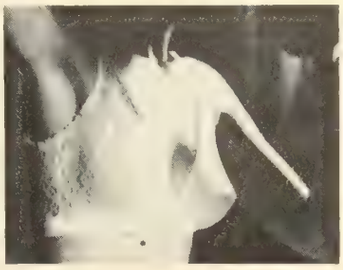
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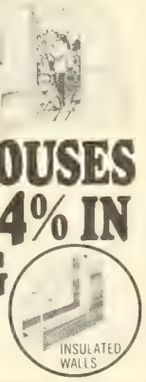
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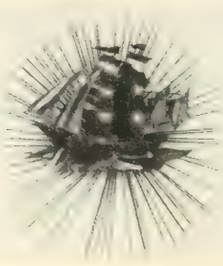
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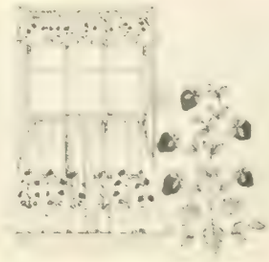
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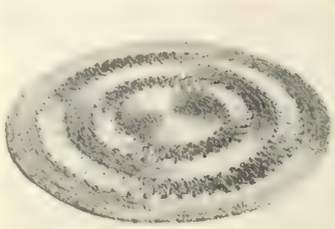
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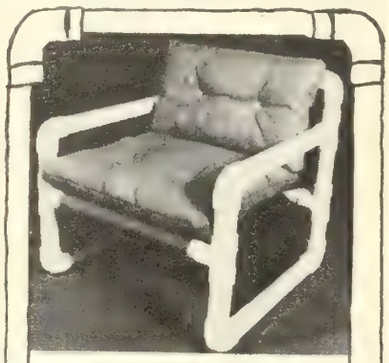
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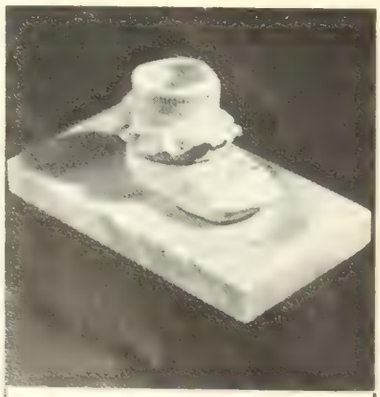
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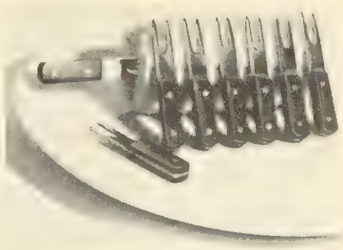
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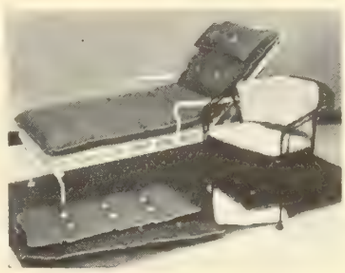
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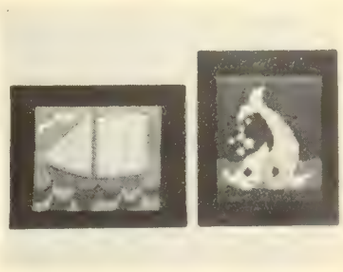
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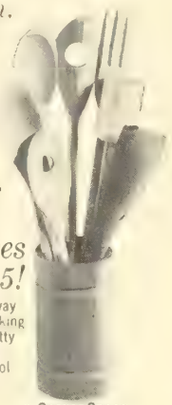
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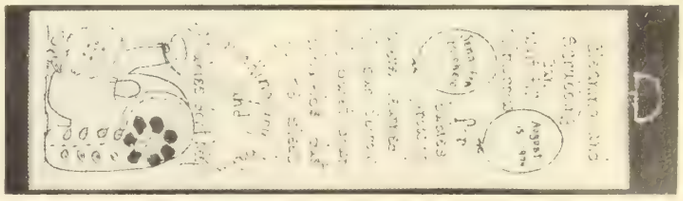
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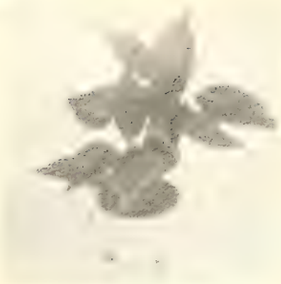
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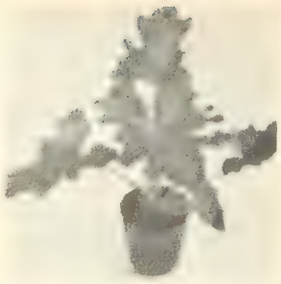
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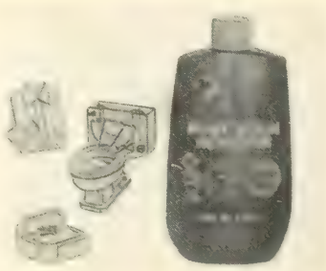
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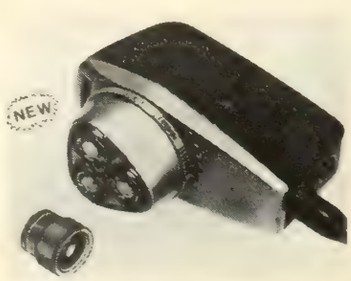
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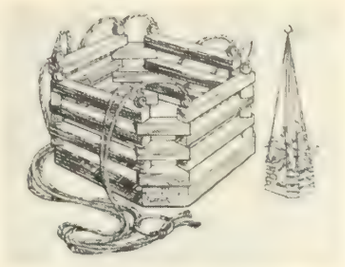


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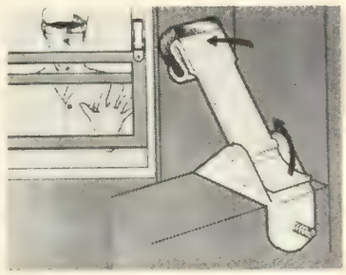
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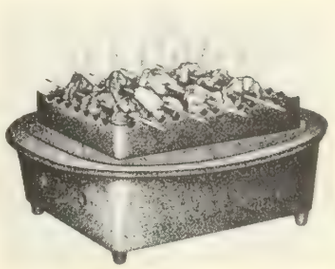
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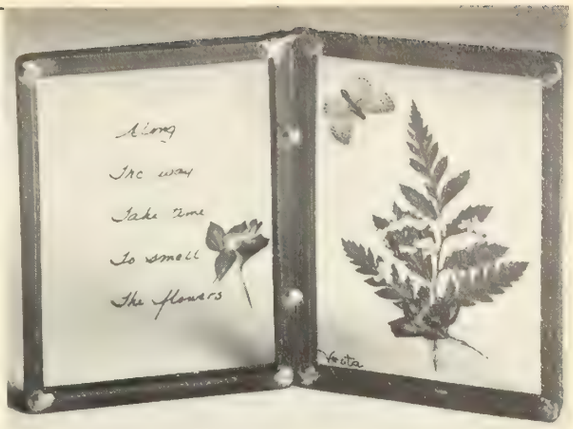
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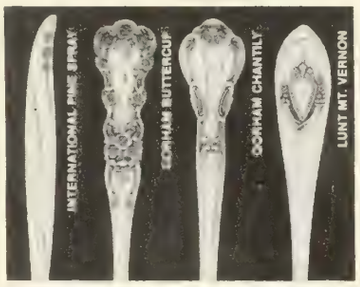
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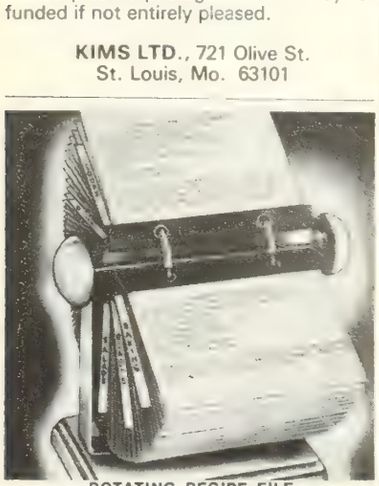
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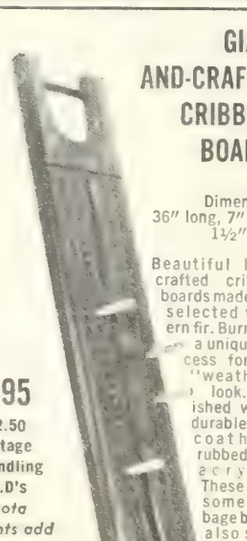
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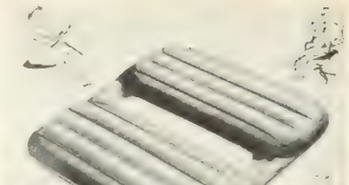
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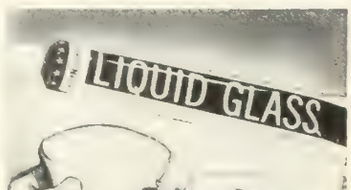
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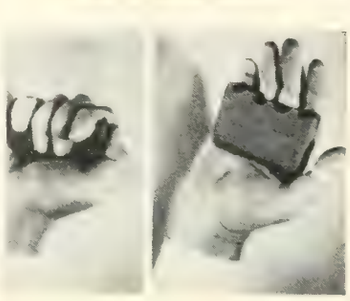
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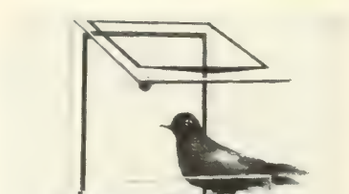
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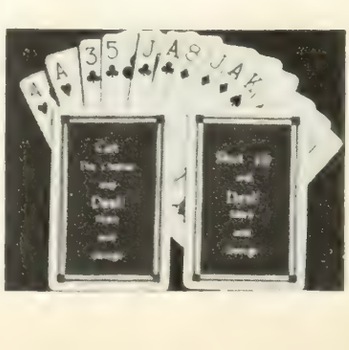
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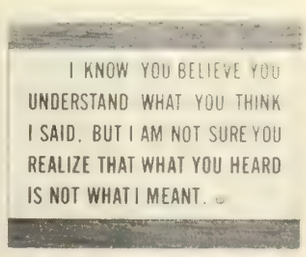
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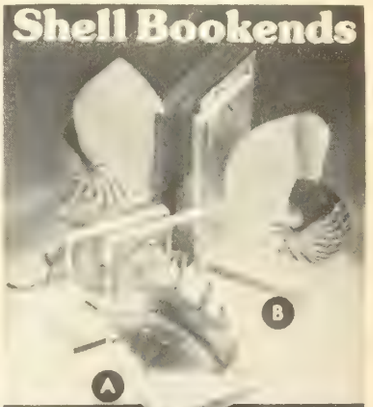
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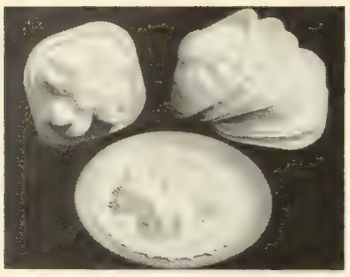
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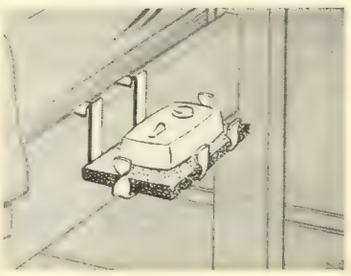
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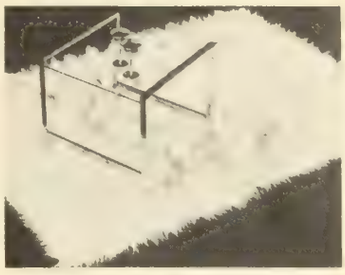


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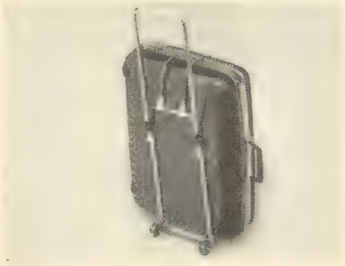
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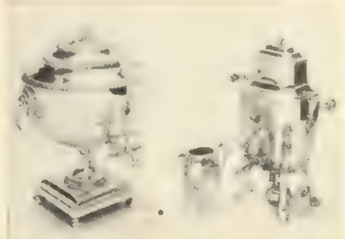
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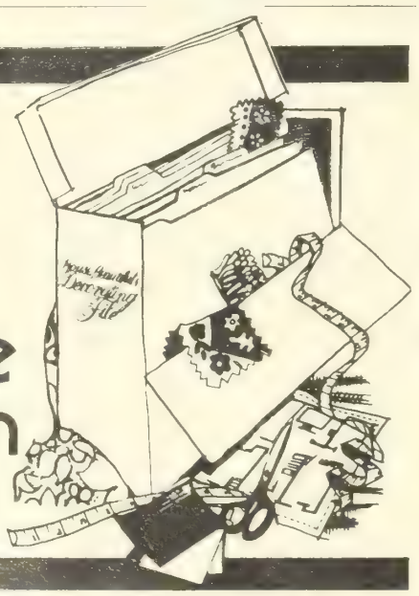
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Pages 60-67—Trull

Living room: "Great Barrington" drapery fabric, antique satin table skirt fabric, **Croscill Curtain Co. Inc.** Velvet on side chairs, **Stroheim & Romann Inc.***
Dining room: "Sorrento" drapery fabric, **Croscill Curtain Co. Inc.**
Bedroom: "Chambord" bed hangings, curtains, **Croscill Curtain Co. Inc.** Velvet on bench, **Stroheim & Romann Inc.***
Second bedroom: "Garden Party" wallcovering, bed and tableskirt fabric, **Croscill Curtain Co. Inc.** Fabric on rocking chair, **Stroheim & Romann Inc.***
Library: Wallpaper, **Louis W. Bowen Inc.;*** matching drapery fabric, **Kent-Bragaline Inc.*** Sofa fabric, **Cohama Decorative Fabrics.***

Pages 68-71—Berkowitz

Foyer: Rug by **G. Hobensack Antiques,** Bridge Street, New Hope, Pa. 18938. Pedestals by **A. Zecca Mirror and Glass,** 1108 First Ave., N.Y.C. 10021 Painting by Larry Rivers, the **Dryden Gallery,** 1460 First Ave., N.Y.C. 10028.
Living room: Sisal rug, **Phoenix Carpet Co. Inc.*** Fauteuils, Georgian gilt stool, **Sterling Antiques,** Lahaska, Pa. 18931. Table, **York Antiques Ltd.** at 46 E. 11th St., N.Y.C. 10003. Round table, Second Empire candlestick lamps, bronze figure, terra-cotta bookends, **Renee Antiques Inc.*** Decanters, terra-cotta ash tray, lighter, **Bloomingdale's** 1000 Third Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. Sofa pillow fabrics by **Connaissance Fabrics Inc.*** Coffee table, **Bazzano Inc.*** Bookcase by **Martin Jolles,** 1012 Pine St., Philadelphia 19107.
Dining room: Table, placemats, napkins, **Bloomingdale's.** Chairs, **Directional Contract Furniture.*** Grasscloth on walls, **Laue Bros. Inc.*** Green bowls, **Henrietta's Variety Shop,** 2244 Broadway, N.Y.C. 10024. **Royal Grafton** tea set at **B. Altman & Co.,** Fifth Avenue at 34th Street, N.Y.C. 10016. Light fixture, **Lighting Associates Inc.*** **Val St. Lambert** candlesticks, **Tiffany and Co.,** Fifth Avenue at 57th Street, N.Y.C. 10022. Plants from **Mother Nature Exotic Plants,** 108 W. 28th St., N.Y.C. 10001.
Bedroom: Rug, **Kenmore Carpet Corp.*** Muslin wall fabric and bedhangings, green fabric on fauteuil, **Far Eastern Fabrics Inc.*** **Levolor** blinds at **Crosstown Glass and Shade Corp.,** 200 W. 86th St., N.Y.C. 10024. "Tennis Players" pillows, **Bloomingdale's.** Fauteuils, **York Antiques Ltd.** Floor lamps, **Lighting Associates Inc.*** Primitive paintings, **Renee Antiques.*** Trees and plants, **Mother Nature Exotic Plants.** Antique Sheraton bachelor's chest, **Sterling Antiques.**

Pages 76-79—Château

Living room: Sofas, **Chesapeake-Siegel-Land Inc.*** Fabric on sofas and bergères by **Brunschwig & Fils.*** Carpet, **L. Jones & Co. Inc.*** French bergères, **Meredith Galleries Inc.*** Window screens, **Bruni Woodworking Co.,** 521 E. 72nd St., N.Y.C. 10021.
Dining room: Table, **William Lyons Design Craft Inc.*** Chairs, **Meredith Galleries Inc.*** Paper on wall screens by **Charles R. Gracie and Sons Inc.*** Chandelier, **Charles J. Winston and Co. Inc.*** Silk flowers, **Pamela Duval Inc.,** 680 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10021.
Music room: Wallcovering by **F. Schumacher & Co.*** Sofa and chairs, **Carleton V Ltd.;*** fabric by **Stroheim & Romann.*** Carpet by **L. Jones & Co. Inc.*** Window screens, **Bruni Woodworking Co.,** 521 E. 72nd St., N.Y.C. 10021. Lamp shades by **Ruth Vitow*.**
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Bedroom: Suede on walls, **Wolf-Gordon Vinyl Fabrics.*** Carpet by **L. Jones & Co. Inc.*** Scroll-back chairs by **Continental Craftsmen Inc.;*** fabric, **F. Schumacher & Co.*** Bed, **Frank A. Hall and Sons Ltd.;*** linens, **Pratesi Linens Inc.,** 829 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022.
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Pages 80-81—Tudor

Contractor, **Wayne Holte.** "Blanzac Texture" fabric on yellow chairs and "Hampton Resist" wallpaper in entrance hall, **Brunschwig & Fils.*** "Lattice Work" wallpaper in dining area, **Charles Barone Inc.*** Upholstery of chairs and sofa, **Jerry's Custom Upholstering,** 370 N. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles 90048. Light fixtures, **Feldman Co.** Mirror, **Star Glass and Mirror Co.,** 14950 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, Calif., 91313. Watercolor by V. Vigil.

Pages 82-85—Anniversary

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Park West, N.Y.C. 10024. **The Horchow Collection,** P.O. Box 34257, Dallas 75234. **Limited Editions,** 253 E. 72nd St., N.Y.C. 10021. **Diane Love Inc.,** 851 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. **Mexican Folk Art Annex,** 23 W. 56th St., N.Y.C. 10019. **Pace Editions Inc.,** 32 E. 57th St., N.Y.C 10022. **Rosenthal Studio-Haus,** 584 Fifth Ave, N.Y.C. 10036. **Saks Fifth Avenue,** Fifth Avenue at 49th Street, N.Y.C. 10017. **Tribal Arts Gallery Two,** 37 W. 53rd, N.Y.C. 10019. **Thos. K. Woodard American Antiques & Quilts,** 1022 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. **United Nations Gift Center,** UN Headquarters, N.Y.C. 10017.

Pages 86-87—Vegetables

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Pages 90-93—Circle

Living room: "Domino" seating units by **Stendig Inc.*** "Dynamic Green" fabric, marble coffee table, **Knoll International.*** Throw, **Nettle Creek,** 6 W. 56th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Rattan rocker, **Bloomingdale's.** Pillows designed by Ellen Hauben and macramé hanging by Susan Leffler, both for **Wild & Wooly Workshop** at Westchester Avenue, Scotts Corners, Pound Ridge, N.Y. 10576. **Marimekko** pillows, Plexiglas tables, fireplace seating, **Design Research,** 180 E. State St., Westport, Conn. 06880. White lamp, **Habitat Inc.*** Fur rugs, pillows, **Seymour Winik Inc.*** *Dining room:* Table and chairs, **Knoll International.*** Dinnerware, **Dansk.** Serving cart and table accessories, **Design Research.** *Family room:* Wicker couch and chairs, **Stendig Inc.*** Coffee table and Marimekko pillows, **Design Research.** Painting is by Nancy Lasar, **Kathryn Markel Fine Arts Inc.,** 50 W. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. *Master bedroom:* Chair by **Knoll International.*** Rug at **Bloomingdale's.** Aalto table, bedspread, **Marimekko** pillows, accessories, **Design Research.** Painting hanging in corridor by Elaine Banklian Krause. *Kitchen:* Refrigerator, range, **General Electric Co.** Dishwasher, **Westinghouse Electric Corp.** Triple stainless steel sinks, **American Standard.** Faucets, **Moen,** division of **Standard Screw Co.** Formica-clad cabinets, **Mohawk Kitchens.** Aalto chairs, **Design Research.**

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Pages 94-99—Smart Buys

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Pages 102-103—Richardson

Monogrammed plates, **Este Porcelain Factory,** Este, Italy. Black-and-white plates, **William Doyle Galleries Inc.,** 175 E. 87th St., N.Y.C. 10028. Candle holders, **Parke-Bernet Galleries Inc.,** 980 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. ■

WINES

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—and you should take advantage of them. A bottle here, a bottle there can eventually build up into a truly lovely collection. ***For the short-range future,*** we've neither read enough about nor tasted enough examples from more recent California or Italian vintages to make recommendations other than those in the list. Look into the 1974 Burgundies, as we noted earlier, and you may want some 1974 Bordeaux. It's considered a sound year with wines that will mature early. Then watch out for the 1975 Bordeaux to come onto the market. Some Bordelais are calling this the greatest vintage since 1961; others are cautioning that the September rains and hailstorms are going to make it a spotty year where the winemaker determines final greatness.

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a time when they have probably formed some judgments and a gift of their favorite wines or a fine vintage they haven't sampled yet is a special compliment to them—and to their budget.

The Fourth Anniversary is EARTHENWARE. We see this as the symbol of reality, the down-to-earth quality that seems to make good marriages stick together. The range of choice is broad, from casseroles to cachepots, from terra-cotta pots to Majolica tureens, and since there's a marked interest in the hand-crafted these days, you'll find plenty of signed pieces of earthenware right off the potter's wheel for a crafts-conscious couple.

The milestone Fifth Anniversary is COPPER—a metal particularly appropriate for this auspicious occasion because it is precious in its own right for its enduring quality and the satisfying beauty of its rose-pink gleam, which associates it always with the warmth of hearth and home. In cooking ware, it is the time-honored "aristocrat of the kitchen," for generations the first choice of all great chefs because of the evenness with which it conducts heat. But copper lends its clean-shining loveliness to many other objects, and since it is a component part of brass and bronze, these metals, too, are in this milestone category, widening the breadth of choice.

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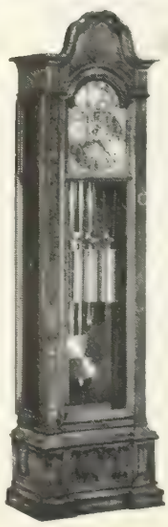
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Handmade pewter objects from the workshop of La Vern Butler (left) include: squirrel-topped nut scoop, baby spoon, a bracelet with tiger-eye inlay and a variety of table boxes.

By ELIZABETH V. WARREN

"I have a story about your magazine that should interest you," wrote Jill Butler, daughter of La Vern Butler, the pewtersmith shown above. "Some years ago my mother read an article in House Beautiful about pewter crafting. She cut it out and showed it to my father, who had some creative ability but no direction or specific talent."

Vern's reaction on reading "Making Useful Things of Pewter" (January, 1962, issue) was

For Vern Butler, the joy is in the 'doing'

"spontaneous"—"I can do it too!" Although he is admittedly handy, Vern had never had any formal art training or experience in working with metal. Now he's a recognized professional—the boxes, spoons and jewelry above, as well as the desk and table accessories, personalized gift items and the many other hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind pieces Vern makes in his workshops in Kalamazoo, Mich., and Cape Coral, Fla., prove that, indeed, he can do it too. And the quality of his work combined with the happiness he has gained in finding his talent makes it a story that does interest House Beautiful.

First product of the Butler workshop was an exact reproduction, entirely made without instructions, of a lantern pictured in the article. This "natural engineering sense" added to Vern's "ability to picture things," as his wife, Ginny, terms it, was just a start. Vern realized that he needed instruction and inquired at the supply source mentioned in the article. The store gave him the name of Frances Felten, a well-known pewterer and teacher at Eastern Connecticut State College's summer crafts workshop in

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Willimantic, Conn. She suggested that he join her course, but Vern was reluctant to leave his water-conditioning business. His wife and Ms. Felten prevailed, however, and once he started at the workshop, Vern was "hooked." He returned seven consecutive years, proving such an apt pupil that one year Ms. Felten asked him to work with her at her own studio, the first time she had invited a student to do so.

Vern stresses that he is "not a designer." By this he means that he does not begin with a specific sketch or rigid idea that he must follow. Instead, his work "evolves" as he goes along, adapting to (*Continued*)

Children & music: parents are instrumental

By SUSAN SCHRAUB □ **Parents seeking to introduce their children to fine music often need as much guidance as the children in order to strike just the right note—not too sharp or too flat. Harold Lewin, chair-**

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man of the doctoral program at Manhattan School of Music, pianist and father of three, claims the job of the parent is to expose the child to the music that is around him, to encourage him as much as possible, but never to force.

"Developing an appreciation for any art," explains Lewin, "comes from within. And since every child matures at a different rate, there is no set age at which the interest, if any, will manifest itself. But things can be done to encourage it from early years, both in the home and out." (*Continued*)



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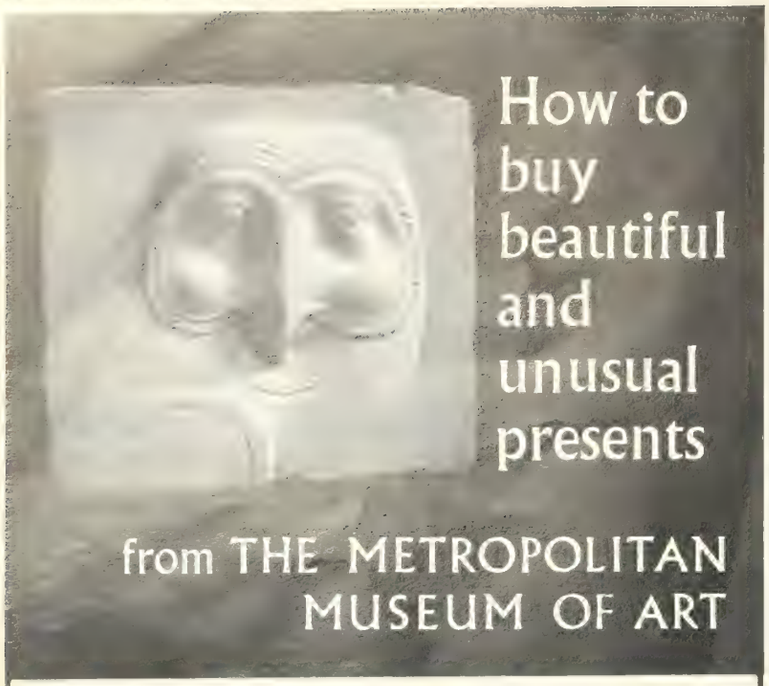
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Vern's inspiration is "everywhere—I'm looking all the time and when I see something, I say to myself, 'that would look good in pewter.' It could be a park bench, a plant or a building. Then I adapt the design to my own medium."

His own medium is not an easy one to work in. Pewter's low melting point gives it great ductility and malleability, but it is also very easy to ruin the metal (by burning holes in it while soldering, for example). Ginny calls Vern's work a "labor of love—you have to love working in pewter because of all the problems. It's very difficult to solder pewter so the seams don't show. But the seams don't show at all on Vern's work."

Although he admits he could sell everything he makes, Vern finds it extremely difficult to part with his work. And so, it is up to the rest of the family to handle business transactions. Ginny prices the items, sews cloth bags to put them in and takes care of sales in the Kalamazoo area. Daughter Jill sells the products in her Long Island store, Top of the Table, 83 Main St., Westhampton Beach, N.Y. 11978.

La Vern Butler, now 64 and retired from the water-conditioning business, spends six hours a day, five days a week "tap-tapping" in his basement workshop. He started chemotherapy treatments for cancer last year and does not have the energy he once did, but he is "always thinking about pewter," even when he cannot be working. And unlike many retired people, he is "never looking for something to do." Partly for this reason, he urges other retirees to attend a workshop like the one at Willimantic (where he returned again this summer) and where the competency of the instructors and the enthusiasm of the students is "tremendously inspiring." He even finds living in a dorm and eating "girl scout cooking" uplifting. But mainly, he likes to be near active, creating minds like his own.

CHILDREN & MUSIC

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Most basic, perhaps, is the presence of music in the house: Any music—from Bach to Bachrach, for there is no doubt that children who come from musical backgrounds have a head start. If a child hears music around him, he will assimilate it as naturally as he does language. Eventually, he will begin to distinguish tones and rhythms—in effect, to listen.

Learning to listen is the first step to music appreciation. And good listeners are not passive listeners. They are as active and involved as performers. Recognizing this, school music programs teach good listening habits from the beginning with rhythm classes and games that involve physical responses to music. Parents can do the same thing at home, singing and dancing with the child and using simple rhythm instruments in time with records. In this way, children will associate music with pleasure—a good way to start.

If parents play an instrument and enjoy it, so much the better for the child, who naturally wants to emulate his elders. It may also be easier for these parents to take an interest in the child's musical development. Violinist Eugene Fodor, a prodigy who made his concert debut at age seven, points to his musical family as a strong force in his creative development. "Both my father and brother are violinists," he says, "and my father went to lessons with me every week. I'm a firm believer in the influence of parents," then with a smile, "for non-prodigies, too."

Bess Myerson, an accomplished pianist and flutist among other talents, attributes her success at music and that of her sisters (the elder a pianist, the younger a violinist) to the foresight and encouragement (*Continued on page 20*)

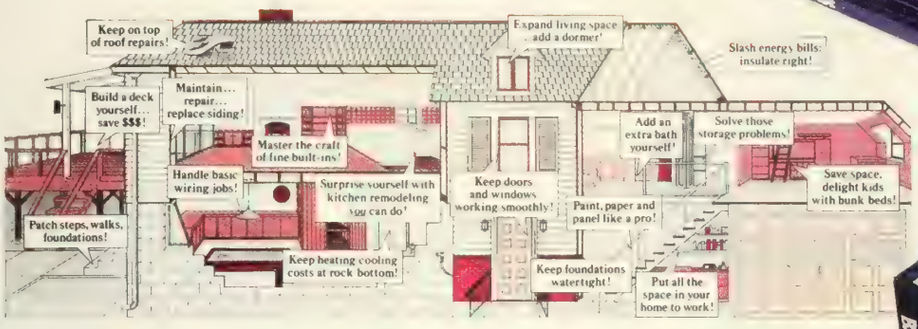
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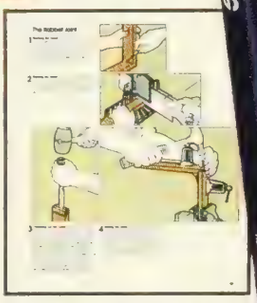
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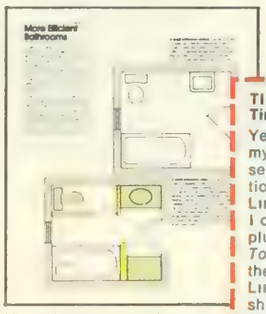
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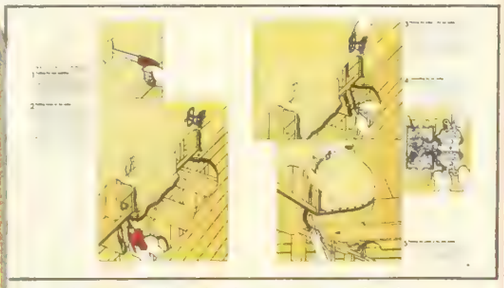
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of their mother. "She felt then, as she still does, that music is an important part of our lives, though she is not musical. We always had a piano in the house even at the sacrifice of other comforts. And my sisters and I still play together."

On the other hand, a family of musicians doesn't always make for perfect harmony. Concert pianist Susan Star claims the competition at home proved very difficult for her daughter, Lori. "It was hard for me, too," she admits, "because there are only so many hours in the day and only one piano and my practicing came first." After five years, Lori, now 13, switched to the French horn and has played happily ever since.

Twelve-year-old son Eric, however, is still an unresolved question. Despite all the music around him, he shows little interest in his clarinet and hates to practice. "He likes playing in groups, which is primarily social, but not alone," says his mother. "We're not sure of the outcome yet." In truth, the only outcome the Stars are unsure of is whether Eric will continue to study his instrument, which is less important than whether Eric will continue to participate in music. He will. His role may be that of an avid listener. And, as a concert pianist, his mother would be the first to agree on the importance of a good audience. In allowing Eric to decide for himself, without pressure from her, Susan Star is using the best instincts of both mother and artist, for music is, after all, a very personal experience.

When a child decides to start an instrument ("He'll ask when he's ready," councils Ms. Star. "Don't push it."), group lessons are often the best beginning. They are especially effective for young children or shy ones because the work is combined with social aspects and peer group reinforcement. "They're exciting at the beginning," says Fodor, "but anyone who's serious should go on to private instruction." Many schools offer group classes as electives and often provide the instruments. And every town and city has its share of qualified music teachers who conduct group and private classes in their homes or studios. These allow the child to switch from one to the other at the right time and still maintain the same teacher.

Families who really relish togetherness consider such programs as the Suzuki Method, in which parents take lessons with their children. Developed in Japan, Suzuki emphasizes sound response over notation and students are expected to learn by imitation rather than straight reading. "The success of this depends in large part on the parents," says Dr. Lewin. "They owe it to themselves and their children to decide if they are really interested in taking music lessons or if they are only doing it for the sake of the youngster. To be effective, Suzuki should reflect a mutual desire to learn."

With lessons, of course, comes the age-old parents-vs-child battle of practicing. "I used to try and duck it now and then," confides Eugene Fodor, "but my father was very strict about it. I believe, though, that it's not how much you practice but how well you concentrate"—quality vs quantity. Dr. Lewin agrees and adds it is more important to play a little every day for as long as concentration holds out (with young children, it's not long) than to play at great length but infrequently. "Knowledgeable discipline is important on the part of parents," he says. They should be interested and firm but not overbearing.

"My mother was always very strict about our music," says Bess Myerson. "She was never complimentary because she feared we'd stop practicing. In fact," she laughed, "we would each be practicing in a different room and, at about 20 minute intervals, mother would call out from the kitchen, "Wrong!"—figuring that whichever of us heard her would take it personally and try even harder. It kept our wheels turning."

Lastly, there's the question of recitals, a touchy subject ever since the first music student and the first proud parents. Susan Star, who teaches piano on the graduate level as well as performing, strongly advocates recitals. "Students should perform as much as possible," she says. "It strengthens their ability to present themselves and their music." But conversations with several youngsters seem to indicate that parents might exercise some judgment—dare we say compassion?—in this area. Dr. Lewin suggests a child could resent being called upon to play for his parents' guests whereas he wouldn't necessarily object to playing in a school recital. Said one indignant student, "I feel like a trained monkey trotted out to entertain with coffee. I could play Chopin or chopsticks and no one would know the difference. All I have to do is look cute." (*Continued*)



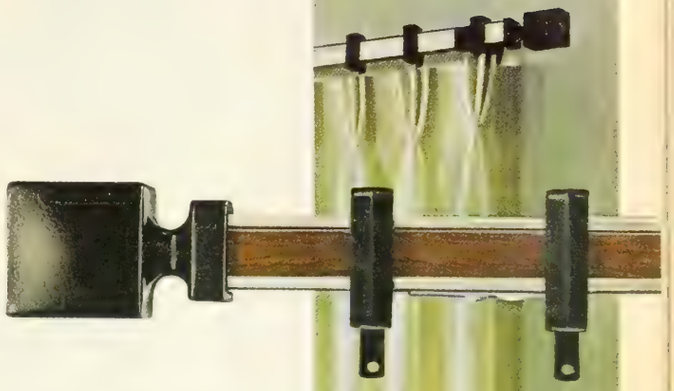
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The House of Clocks, 214 Edwards St., Waterloo, Iowa 50703—repairs European, American, Japanese clocks (antique and modern) including long-case clocks, cuckoo clocks, multiple chime clocks, regulators, 400-day clocks; also does case restoration—supplies missing parts and will do veneer repairs wherever possible; will accept mail-order inquiries.

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Maurice W. Read, Horologist, (Certified Master Watchmaker) 16 Chester Rd., Derry, N.H. 03038—specializes in restoration of complicated antique watches; will accept most clocks for repair (except 400-day, modern cuckoos and alarm clocks); mail-order business extends to all 50 states and foreign countries; will accept inquiries.

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Sutton Clock Shop, 139 E. 61st St., New York City 10021—specialists in restoration of unusual and complicated timepieces; accepts most kinds of antique clocks for repair except grandfather clocks; will repair antique barometers.

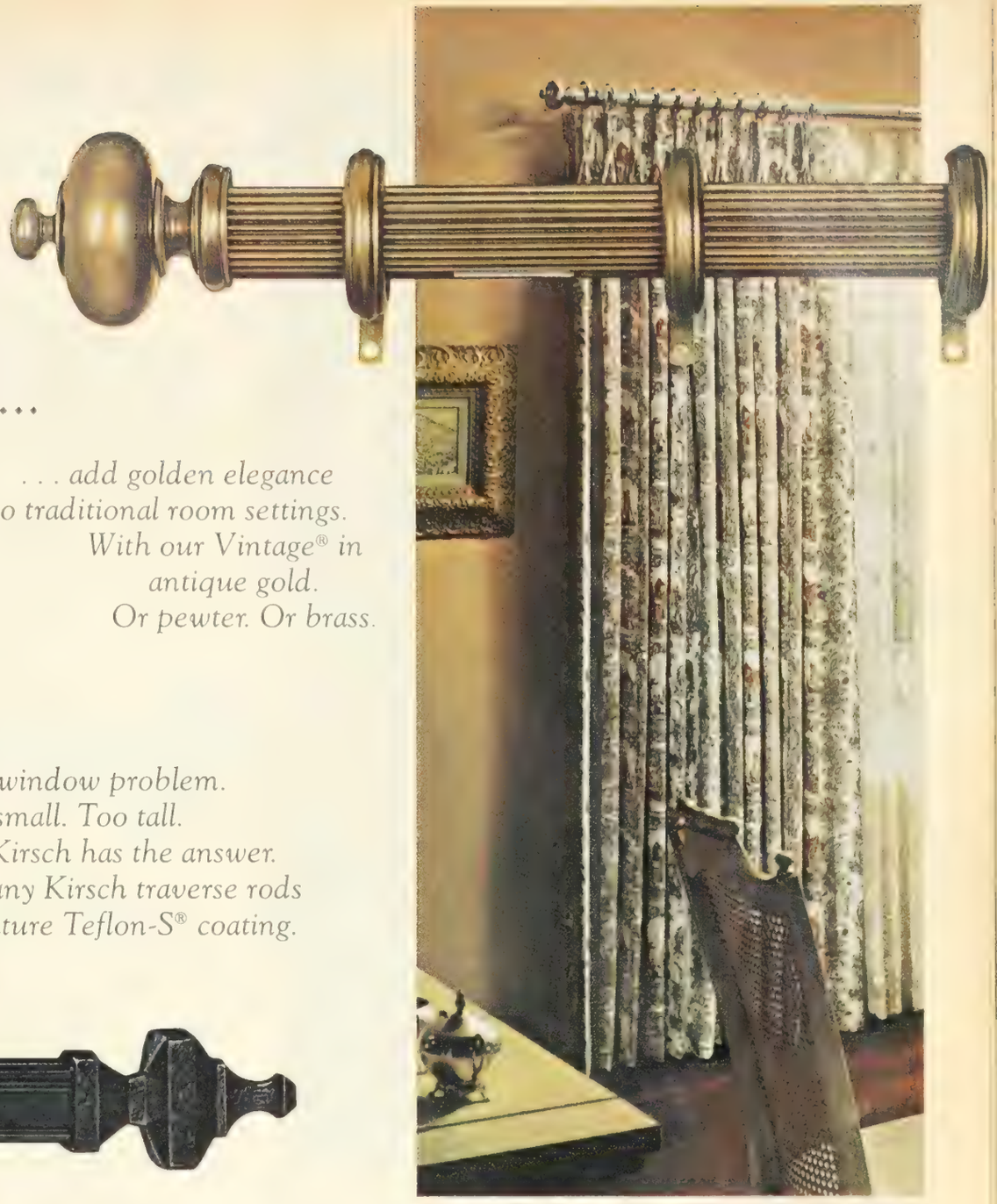
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Mass-producing copies of limited-edition prints has become a multi-million dollar fraudulent business. When buying a lithograph or limited-edition print, how can you be sure it's an original and not just a good copy?

If the work has been "fingerprinted," it's an easy matter to check its authenticity. The International Art Registry Ltd., a New York City firm specializing in art security, has developed a system that can help deter the unauthorized reproduction and sale of limited-edition prints. Using a technique that's been named "fingerprinting," the company photographs small areas of the original work on a grid-square background. Minute details are recorded and, just like human fingerprints, no two works of art are exactly alike. One fingerprint file is kept at IAR and duplicate files are maintained at Interpol headquarters in Paris. The doubtful customer, dealer or print publisher contacts either IAR or Interpol and the work of art in question is matched against the fingerprint of the original.

"Fingerprinting" can also be used to register other original art work and antiques and the service is available to consumers, artists and the publishers of prints.

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Newest form of currency around is cereal box tops, but they're negotiable only in exchange for recreational equipment for our nation's elementary schools. Under the auspices of a program named "Fun 'N Fitness," Post Cereals will supply equipment ranging from almost complete gymnasiums down to bats, balls and gloves in trade for their cereal box tops. Prices range from 95 box tops for a ball-bearing skip rope to 25,200 for an eight-seat swing set. In between, your school can invest in a tennis racket for 275 or 12 baseball helmets for 725 and a trampoline for 6,010.

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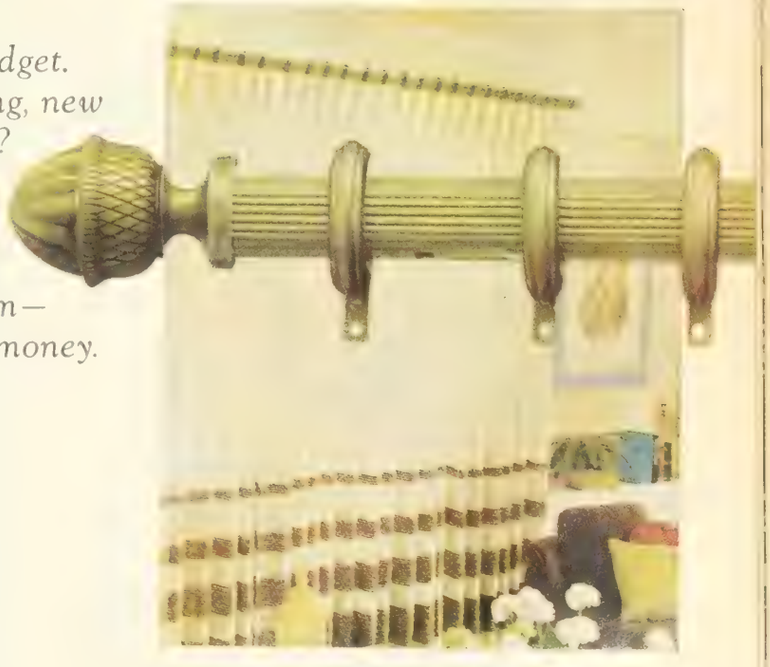


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started this fall and will continue throughout the school year. ***"A Guide to the Wise Purchase of Mattresses and Foundations"*** comes straight from the proverbial horse's mouth—the National Association of Bedding Manufacturers. The booklet includes information on mattress construction, shopping hints, bed frames and sheets, how to care for a mattress and foundation and when to throw out the old and buy a new sleep set. A graph and furniture templates to cut out are also provided to help you plan your bedroom without lifting a single box spring. The booklet is yours for 50 cents from the association, Box 1851, New York City 10001.

Life is getting easier for the home sewer. Now the left-handed can learn to crochet without turning the pages upside down, sideways or standing on her head. Columbia Minerva's new *Learn to Crochet* booklet ($3.50) by Gabrielle Knecht has come to the rescue of the left-handed craftsman (as well as the right-handed) who wants to learn the basic crochet stitches. Step-by-step instructions are also included for 60 projects, all easily accomplished by a beginner, ranging from a tennis racket cover to hats, plant-hangers and even a classic cardigan sweater. And southpaws do not have to stop with crocheting. A *Learn to Knit* booklet, also with dual instructions, will be published this winter. Both booklets are available in home-sewing departments.

—ELIZABETH V. WARREN ■

books

■ Want the details on building a tool shed? Or laying wood flooring over concrete? How about making dado cuts on a table saw? All this and literally thousands of additional facts are laid out in the **New Complete Woodworking Handbook, Revised** by Jeannette T. Adams (Arco, $8.95). More than 750 pages and 900 illustrations dwell on an array of facts about working with wood. It would be a bargain at twice the price.

Jeannette Adams seemed an unlikely person to write a technical book, so we journeyed to meet her. We found her a charming person whose apartment shows that she has good taste for color and pattern and loves plants.

She came to New York some years ago intent on a concert singing career. A bid later to join a Broadway musical gave her only momentary joy, since she was forced to cut short her singing to care for an ailing mother. A job at Western Union filled the economic breach and while there she and a friend moonlighted the publication of a stamp-collecting magazine. It was a success, and soon was followed by magazines on photography and on crafts. Leaving Western Union behind, she stepped into publishing full time and expanded the business to include books. Eventually, the magazines were sold and she has since concentrated her efforts on writing books.



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"I got interested in woodworking in my mother's curio shop," she says. "When my mother needed a new shelf or cabinet, I put it up. I can pound a nail, but I can't sew a hem!"

As if woodworking were not sufficiently complicated, Ms. Adams has published works on such intricate subjects as electricity, plumbing, metalworking and aircraft. "Women's Lib makes me laugh," she says. "You could always do what you wanted when I was growing up, just as much as you can today. I'm a self-made person. Others can do it, too."

■ **Pompeii and Herculaneum: The Living Cities of the Dead** (Abrams, $35) by Theodor Kraus is one of those rare books that's as apropos for a layman's coffee table as a scholar's bookshelf. Each ancient city is considered separately on the basis of history, public life and architecture. The (*Continued*)

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■ We approached **The Lamp and Lighting Book** by Thelma R. Newman, Jay Hartley Newman and Lee Scott Newman (Crown, $10.95 hard-cover; $5.95 paperback) with some misgivings. Written about making your own lamps, the book elicited visions of readers building their first homemade lamp containing an electrical snafu that could start a blaze. Reading the book relieved our anxiety. The authors go over the basics of wiring with such patience and clarity, no one should make a mistake. Hundreds of photos and sketches illustrate the "how" of producing a remarkable variety of lamps and fixtures, lampshades and bases. When a book is produced by someone who truly knows his or her craft, we like to say so; for this book, we say so. You'll enjoy it.

■ **RECENT BOOKS BRIEFLY**

A Concise Encyclopedia of Antiques (Van Nostrand Reinhold, $15) by Geoffrey Wills is a reference work that deals almost exclusively with British antiques—furniture, porcelain, glass, silver, etc. Names, terms, techniques and more are included and nothing is glossed over.

The 1976 International Antiques Yearbook is a guide to art and antique dealers in 18 different countries including the United States. Compiled by the publishers of *The Connoisseur*, the yearbook also contains useful information about dealers' associations, periodicals and international art and antiques fairs. Order for $21.90 postpaid from International Antiques Yearbook, 250 W. 55th St., New York City 10019. ■

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text is detailed but not overly technical. Both photographs (by Leonard von Matt) and plans are excellent. This is definitely a treat for all art and archaeology lovers.

■ Navajo weavings have long been considered superior in design and workmanship. With the help of Joanne Mattera's **Navajo Techniques for Today's Weaver** (Watson-Guptill, $11.95), modern artists can learn to adapt these Indian designs to their own work. The author tells the history and tradition of Navajo weaving. There follow sections on materials; making and using a Navajo loom; contemporary adaptations; modern materials, and special weaving problems and projects. If your results approach the author's work, illustrated in color, you will be more than pleased with your investment.

■ **Decorating American Style** (New York Graphic Society, $19.95), by the well-known writing team of José Wilson and Arthur Leaman, is a comprehensive survey of American homes from the 17th century to the 1970s. Photographs include seldom-seen early Spanish, German and Dutch rooms and historic New England and Virginia homes. Of special interest to readers is the application of traditional decorating methods to today's homes—techniques of stencil, staining and *trompe l'oeil*; color schemes, use of pattern and authentic reproduction furniture. Pictures and descriptions of "All American Rooms," such as the family room, accentuate the world-wide influence of American design today. Most helpful is the glossary of terms used in the American decorating vernacular.

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MOTHER HAD A 'CONTAINER COMPLEX'

By BARBARA M. LaROSA □ It wasn't that Mother was stingy or quirky about saving things. She just had a contagious case of home economics-itis: She hated to throw anything away. Especially something free like a container, a box, bag, can, bottle or a jar.

It was, quite simply, due to her "container complex" (as we three children called it). To fit in with her very high standards of home economy, our plump and parsimonious mother kept almost everything but junk mail. She knew that some fateful day in the future, she would be called upon to put on her thinking cap as Mother the Magician and solve a container problem. Then she would rush to the fore, whipping out the box, bag, can or bottle required and "save the day."

For instance, take the bag full of oddball utilities Mother kept in the front closet of our spacious apartment. Sitting in the corner, proud as punch, rested a large shopping bag loaded with the unusual, the little-used, the offbeat household necessity. One could find in here a four-pronged screw driver, the epoxy glue, pieces

Her cache of bags, bottles, boxes, cans, served her well

of string strung together (having been saved from packages coming into the house), the wide ball of masking tape, extra curtain hooks, screws, nails and all kinds of wondrous and mysterious assortments.

If Mother could think of no other logical place to keep an article, then it most definitely belonged in this bag for things that belonged nowhere else. And when that occasion arose for looking for something odd ("where *is* the epoxy glue, Mother?"), we'd know—it was in that bag in the front closet!

Then, too, Mother had a most infectious habit of saving old coffee cans, miraculously airtight with their snug plastic pop-on covers. A most important container. If, for example, Mother had company and had baked some of her favorite pecan turtle cookies, she would

Topping off her container-collecting mania was the all-size array of bags full of bags

most likely take down one of her empty metal cans resting high on the top shelf of the kitchen closet, fill it full of goodies and send her guests home humming and smiling.

Coffee cans were rife, of course, with the aroma of freshly ground coffee, so our guests' cookies often took on a

She had a very special way with her garnered glasses

lovely coffee aroma by the time they reached their destination. After all, what could be better than pecan turtle cookies with just the faintest taste of fresh coffee? Heavenly! So, once again, Mother's container complex triumphed.

Next in line of important containers to be kept on hand were bottles or jars. All sizes. Big, little, squat, skinny, tall, short, tiny, terrific. She knew that inside the round applesauce jar she could keep her leftover vegetables. Inside the squat olive bottles could be kept the remaining tomato sauce. The large juice containers were just right for storing soup, the tall, skinny bottles for (who knows what came in them?) a supply of carrot and celery sticks for between-meal snacking. (*Continued on page 34*)

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HAD A 'CONTAINER COMPLEX'—HER BAGS AND BOXES

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But the most unusual of all the glass containers for which Mother found a practical use probably was the petite sample-sized jam jar. Should some member of the family need a most discreet holder for cough syrup to keep in some secure place in his or her pocket or handbag, here it was. Needless to say, should someone be seen slugging down a swallow of his cough syrup, it might look suspiciously like the downing of a bit of liquor. So Mother warned us to use the small jam jar filled with cough syrup only with discretion. Which we did, of course, and blessed her for her ingenuity.

Mother also had a penchant for *building* boxes to fit exactly the dimensions of the article to be packaged inside. If, for example, one wished to send a new puffy lime-colored velvet pillow to daughter Joan in California, all one had to do was start with the largest or most appropriate box on hand and then *build*. Mother could be seen whizzing around the apartment madly in the throws of constructing a box, putting a rectangular piece of cardboard here and another stronger piece there—all obtained, of course, from other saved boxes. ***By the time*** she had finished, Mother would have completely re-built the box to conform to the newer dimensions required. Ultimately, the re-built box that evolved from her deft turning, twisting, pulling and pushing the pieces of cardboard was a stronger and more compact and better-fitting box than the original. Like an architect building a cathedral, she had taken an existing entity and constructed flying buttresses to support the walls. Her new "box" was a work of art just as marvelous as a Gothic cathedral. And not only had she saved money on buying boxes, she gained true joy in her artistic work.

Needless to say, Mother also saved and used boxes as they came from the store just as they were, without adding or subtracting from them. Inside these boxes she kept old clothes and blankets; the hats no one seemed to wear any more that were too good to throw away; my collection of mosaic stones ready for my return to this art; ancient pictures, brown with age, piled one on top of another just waiting for the spare time to collect them into an album; beautiful pieces of material gathered over the years and being hoarded for the creation of the right evening dress or new blouse. (I might add here that in addition to her creative talents as a container collector, Mother was also a smart sewer of fresh-styled clothes. Perhaps her knack with patterns was the foundation for her later developing a container complex.)

She also had an extra-special way with glasses she had garnered after using the jelly or jam from within. She used them for sprouting new cuttings from the grown plants. Many a new plant in our apartment had its humble beginnings here.

Another commendable trick was the use of old wine bottles. She used them to store boiled water in the refrigerator for quick, cool supplies for drinking. And what a bonanza to discover that the wine taste from the original contents of the bottle seemed to linger on, so that each glass of pure, cold water tasted like a very watery drink of wine. It was like having a free, endless supply of vino.

But topping off her container-collecting mania were the bags full of bags. One such receptacle held large bags *from* the grocer's, and which were used promptly to line our garbage can. The other was full of shopping bags to be used *for* carrying groceries from the store to the house. Mother kept a full array of all sizes of shopping bags, and there seemed always just the right size when needed.

Bags, bottles, jars, boxes, cans—no container had escaped Mother's container complex. It was just for fun, she always said of her eccentricity, but we knew Mother better. She just couldn't stand to throw away anything that was still serviceable, anything that had any more life to it. She saved money, I'm sure—and showed us in a wild and wonderful way the true meaning of home economy, for her small savings here and there helped us have the money for pleasures like movies, concerts and plays. ■





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By MARION GOUGH ☐ The world has taken a couple of turns for the better since Robert Benchley uttered his memorably desperate words about traveling with children. Admittedly, one-night-stand family travel can be grueling —children haven't changed all *that* much—but vacation places where the whole family can be together for a week or two have changed considerably.

These days, hotels really seem to welcome children, many providing efficiency accommodations where you can prepare your own meals. Then there is a legion of resorts where you can rent a condominium—a house or apartment—and live the family life while everyone in his own way enjoys the resort's facilities.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA PINES

You might spend just such a felicitous holiday at Sea Pines Plantation on Hilton Head Island, S.C., that heaven-on-earth for golfers (five courses) and tennis buffs (more than 40 courts) and a mecca for bird-watchers. It's a great place for family vacations any time of year, but the Christmas program, Dec. 20 to Jan. 1, suggests that you and the youngsters can leave home at Christmas without leaving Christmas behind, and all return the happier for the holiday.

Year-round residents of Sea Pines—and there are many—join with the visitors in the festive goings-on. There is the lighting of the Community Christmas tree in Harbour Town, with caroling, wassail, a Yule log and the arrival of Santa by boat. On Dec. 23, there's Santa's Workshop at the crafts center, where youngsters and oldsters make presents and tree ornaments, including seed-and-suet patties and peanut butter pine cones for the Wildlife Tree. Later in the day these are hung on the tree at Heritage Farm, the place where Sea Pines residents till their own little garden plots. After this ceremony, there's a taffy pull with everyone into the act. It is old-time taffy, authentically made from ground sugar cane boiled in an antique boiler, and a thoroughly enjoyable mess. On Christmas Day there's an eggnog reception, with lighter beverages for the young.

Meantime, every day, in this place that is virtually a wilderness preserve, there are such appeals to the young as beach walks, bicycle tours, horseback picnics, fishing tournaments, a kite jamboree. Interlard these with movies, bingo, bridge and backgammon tournaments, golf and tennis tournaments, swimming in a heated pool, and everyone in the family can be more than happily occupied. If adults go off to play golf or tennis or to enjoy an evening alone, there are baby sitters. You can put up at the Hilton Head Inn or rent a condominium villa. A two-bedroom villa for a family of four runs from $265 to $405 a week, depending on location. Golf and tennis fees and Santa's workshop are extras, but most activities are free. At this season there are also bargains in golf packages. ***Hilton Head*** is a 13-hour drive from New York, 10 hours from Washington, a good excuse to overnight in Colonial Williamsburg en route. By air, fly to Savannah and rent a car. You need wheels here. For more information: Sea Pines Plantation Reservations Center, Dept. SVP, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29948.

FAMILY LIFE AT CLUB MED

Those thoughty French people who run the Club Mediterranée (more than 70 vacation villages all over the world) have come up with a family vacation idea that's been a *succès fou* for all concerned. The solution is the Mini-Club, a nine-to-six daily club within a club, where the littlies from four to 12 can go about their leisure pursuits free as birds of the parental presence, but under the eye of skilled counselors and teachers.

So near and yet so far, parents can pursue their own brand of vacationing, satisfied that their young are safely tended—and learning some useful skills like swimming, shelling and how to tell a sea urchin from a land crab while they're flexing an independent muscle. All this is in complete line with the Club Med philosophy that a vacation should be utterly relaxed and carefree.

To see how well this works, pack up the family and head for Fort Royal, the Club Med Village in Basse-Terre on the French West Indies island of Guadeloupe. All Club Meds do not have Mini-Clubs, but there's one on this 17-acre promontory on the Caribbean, 45 minutes from Pointe à Pitre, an area flavored with Creole (*Continued*)

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enough to make young and old eyes pop. And with palm trees and hibiscus, strains of the beguine, cane fields and colorful markets, it's an Afro-French culture to investigate. ***Old or young,*** you do as you choose at Fort Royal. There's so much for everyone that children may not want to be Mini-Clubbers, but youngsters usually are enchanted. Their day generally starts off with supervised watery sports with instructions, moves quietly into a crafts session, then playground time and lunch with contemporaries (or their parents) and maybe back into the pool (the Mini-Club has its own), fun and games at playground, again, a walk through the tropical woods, a sweet snack, a beach dip or an open-eyed trek across the sands of the Club's two beaches. They can dine with their peers or with the family.

Once a week they're given a day's outing to discover another part of the island, its sea creatures, tropical flora, volcanic lava and hot springs. And since this club has great appeal to Europeans as well as Americans, the children may return to Mama and Papa speaking French or whatever—such being the sharp ears of the young.

Meantime, what are Mother and Father doing? Second-honeymooning, probably—lazing around, capturing the sun and its tan or into everything. That's up to you—nobody and nothing intrude at the Club Med, but there are so many sportive possibilities that the mind boggles. All are included, with expert instruction, in your fee, which makes the vacation a fantastic bargain if you're out to perfect your athletic potential: tennis, even on nightlighted courts and no line-up for them; sailing, Club Med's instructors world-wide amount to the world's largest sailing school; snorkeling and scuba diving in magnificent waters; water skiing; water polo; yoga; petanque (bocce ball); calisthenics; gymnastics; volley ball; basketball; table tennis; arts and crafts, *ad infinitum*.

There are sailing picnics, cabarets, fiestas and a late night discotheque that only folds when you do. For a change of ambience, if you feel the need, a shuttle bus takes you to Pigeon Point, where there's a recreational center, shared by the Club Med Caravelle, which is on the other side of Guadeloupe. Is there a nude beach? Sure, but not so's you'd obviously notice it.

Meals are overwhelming in size, seasoned in Creole. Then pack up and go, but do not pack much. Because, as at all sunland Club Meds, the approved wardrobe is bathing suit or bikini by day, the most casual, no-tie, easy-going garments by night. The pareo, a couple of yards of flashy cotton that wraps around like a skirt, is a unisex costume at all the clubs, a carry-over from Tahiti. There's method in this undress—it puts down the sartorial show-offs, adds to the relaxation, seems to get everyone on an equal footing. You'll probably wear a string of poppet beads, bought when you sign in, to be popped off to pay for any incidentals, such as drinks, not included in your prepaid fee.

The minimum stay is for a week. As a first-time Club Med member, you pay $10 dues and $6 a year thereafter. Children under 12 pay no dues. Your vacation fee includes rooms, meals, mealtime wine, instruction and participation in all activities. The only activity charge is for materials if you or the children get involved with the Arts and Crafts Workshop. Sightseeing excursions of Guadeloupe are extra. Other than this, or a fling in the boutique, there's not a sou changing hands, and tipping is absolutely forbidden. With everything paid in advance and no one hassling you for money, it all adds up to restfulness.

Families are put up in a central sea-viewing hotel (singles and couples alone occupy cottages around the swimming pool; singles must share their rooms with another guest of the same gender). Expect no grand luxe. Rooms are spartan, but adequate and made up every day. No room service. Doors are left unlocked, there are no phones, radios, alarm clocks or TVs to shatter the peace or tense you up. But every evening at sunset, in the Club Med tradition, a concert of classical music fills the air.

Fort Royal offers special weekly rates for families, varying with the season. Here's a sample, for two adults and two children: Oct. 31-Nov. 14, $693; Nov. 21-Dec. 12, $858; Dec. 19 and Dec. 26, $1,303. Rates are less in the first three weeks of January, increase for the weeks through March, descend again. Since air travel is booked in conjunction with Club Med reservations, figure in your air fares. Possible air charters are imminent, which will cut transportation costs. Check when booking with your travel agent or (*Continued*)

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It crosses the mind that the newest Club Med, in Cancun, a Caribbean island off Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, qualifies eminently as a family holiday resort. There's no Mini-Club here, but youngsters from five are welcome and there's enough sun, sand and sea activity to keep everybody happy, plus tennis, volleyball, pelanque—the usual sporting works, with the usual instruction included. ***Scuba diving is special here*** at a government-protected coral reef, designated an underwater park. The stone bungalows and the central building reflect the pyramidal architecture of the ancient Mayans, whose land this once was, and if you can tear yourself and the youngsters away from the *dolce far niente* village life, there are fascinating excursions to be taken to Mayan and Toltec excavations—Tulum, Uxmal or Chichen-Itza—the kind of adventure that bugs the eyes of the inquisitive young, and you can be happy that they're soaking in a little history along with the sunshine. You can also take some side-trips to Guatemala, Cozumel or Isla Mujeres.

There are no family rates at Cancun, but children get a discount. Again, the weekly rates change with the season. For example, for the holiday weeks of Dec. 19 and 26, it's $380 for adults, $276 for children; in April, it's $280 for adults, $224 for kids. Again, add air fare. Book through your travel agent or American Express. You need tourist cards, issued by Mexican Government Tourist Office. Information: Club Med, 40 W. 57th St., New York City 10019.

FAMILY SKIING AT BOLTON VALLEY

Exhaustion strikes at the very thought of the logistics in moving a family for a vacation at most ski resorts, to say nothing of moving the troops around once you get there. But up at the Bolton Valley Resort in Vermont, nothing could be simpler.

The place is a self-contained little community between two mountains, with a big lodge, a small lodge and a batch of condominiums all within a stone's-throw walking distance of four chair lifts. You could practically put on your skis in your bedroom and be off to the 21 slopes and innumerable cross-country trails in this land where they get 245 inches of snow a winter. They call this "live-in" skiing, a restful way to enjoy the snow in togetherness, on slopes that are interesting enough for older members or simple enough to start a four-year-old off on the runners (no joke; the ski school here, under the direction of Herman Muckenschnabl, takes its pupils from that tender age, the GLM or Graduated Length Method being taught).

You could drive here, via U.S. Route 2, park the car and forget it for the duration, the enclave is so intimate. Or, since you need no wheels of your own, you might incorporate the fun of a railroad trip into this family junket, taking Amtrak to Waterbury, Vt. Or fly the group to Burlington. In either case, a limousine picks you up and delivers you to the resort's door. To be even more unencumbered, you could rent equipment from the ski shop.

The big hotel, the Bolton Valley Lodge, is appropriately Alpine, with tremendous fieldstone fireplaces for cozy après ski moments, several different types of eating places, from a cafeteria to an excellent, full-fig dining room. There's the Pizza Place and a game room where teen-agers usually hold forth and a tavern with night-time entertainment for the old folks. All this and saunas and a day nursery to keep the very young happy. Twice a week there's night-time skiing and at Christmas there's a torchlight parade, caroling and Santa Claus arriving—how else but on skis?

Daily room rate at the Lodge in regular season starts at $24 per person, but scales down according to the number sharing the room. In holiday season (Dec. 19 through Jan. 2 and Feb. 12 through Feb. 27), it's $28 per person, scaling down with occupancy. Discounts are allowed for children under 12. During the winter there are packaged Ski Weeks and Learner's Weeks at special rates.

As for keeping the family circle together in a rented condominium, a fully equipped, minimum price chalet, sleeping four to six, with a fireplace, kitchen and laundromat, is regularly $285 a week, $385 in holiday season. You can buy your provender at the grocery shop. Naturally, the ski-lift fees and lessons are extra.

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ONCE THERE WAS A COBALT BLUE BATHROOM

By CAROL SCHWALBERG

After four years as a California claustrophobe girdled into a midget bathroom with no window at all, I threw caution to the winds and my credit cards to the contractor. In brief, I signed up to have my bathroom remodeled.

I had visions of a bathroom where I could actually see my face because the mirror was flanked by lights and where I never worried about neighbors peering in through the picture window when I was peering out. Jostling my visions were memories of bathrooms past. One was easily the most unforgettable—my mother's in New York.

To see my mother's bathroom was to know her. It expressed her personality so well.

The walls were blue ("It goes with my eyes," she explained), not the pale blue of Dresden china, not the rich blue of an August sky, but the blue that might be called royal except that there was nothing regal about it—a brilliant and uncompromising cobalt squeezed

If the tub required patience, the shower called for agility

straight out of a painter's tube. Extending from above the shoulder-high white tiles clear across the ceiling ("It carries out the effect," Mother said), the same blue also covered the large window directly behind the toilet ("Window shades don't belong in a bathroom"). This cobalt concentration had absorbed much of the meager light of a 25-watt ceiling bulb. ("Find better places to read.")

Repeated layers of old paint kept the door from closing. If I said, "You can't be private in here," back came a cheerful, "You can peek through the crack and see what's going on in the living room."

Layers of paint also kept the medicine cabinet door from closing. The top shelf held a welter of cough syrups, liniments and pills, some predating my birth ("You never know when something will come in handy"), and the middle one had routine first-aid equipment. But the bottom shelf was consecrated solely to her hair care.

The room served also as a laundry. Wet wash hung from a ceiling-mounted dryer with a pulley for moving it up and down. But it was never hoisted up ("Why bother?"). When I left the tub, wet laundry slapped me.

Dirty clothes went into a metal hamper, painted in the same blazing blue as the walls. Large enough for a family of six, it was always full, for resting at the bottom was a pile of unused, unwashed and tattered old sheets. Their sole purpose was to hide a battered handbag (also blue) called "The Budget," which contained W-2 forms and income tax returns from two decades, a miscellany of letters, past and present passbooks and envelopes marked Phone, Gas, Rent and Clothes, each

Layers of paint kept the medicine cabinet from closing

filled weekly with the required amount of money. ("Burglars would never think of looking there," Mother pointed out.)

As for the basic functions, Mother's bathroom represented a miracle of inefficiency.

The tub took half an hour to fill because of weak pressure. Even then, the battle was not won. The metal stopper rarely worked, the water drained imperceptibly and within 15 minutes the tub was half-empty.

If the tub required patience, the shower demanded agility. Paint had stopped most of the holes in the shower head and the water trickled out feebly. To shower, I skipped back and forth

For tomorrow, no initials—but maybe walls of blue

in order to wet my whole body.

The toilet flush was a prima donna that worked or not, according to whim. Touch it one way and a cascade of water kept pouring out. At other times, it would withhold every drop.

Compared to these, the sink required little skill. Boiling and freezing water gushed out of separate taps, so I simply annealed my hands under the ice water before forging with the hot and drying them with towels that were entirely blue except for the white initial E. E as in Madeline Henrietta Schoenberg Ullman. ("E is a good initial," Mother said blandly. "Besides, they were cheap.")

In my dream bathroom, the towels sport no initials, but in a spirit of cut-rate nostalgia, I may have blue walls. ■



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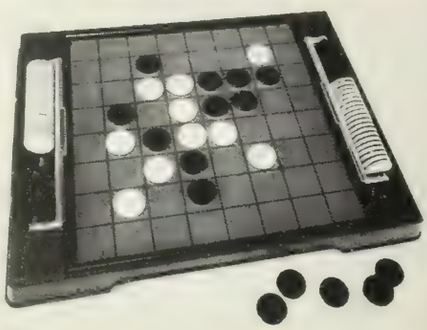
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This mind-tickling board game (right) *will amuse an eight-year-old—but requires strategic moves that can grab and hold the interest of an adult, too. Bright green board is affixed in a black plastic frame, with black and white discs in grooves on each side. Two can play "Othello," $9, by Gabriel.*





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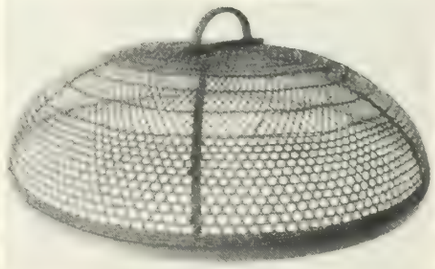


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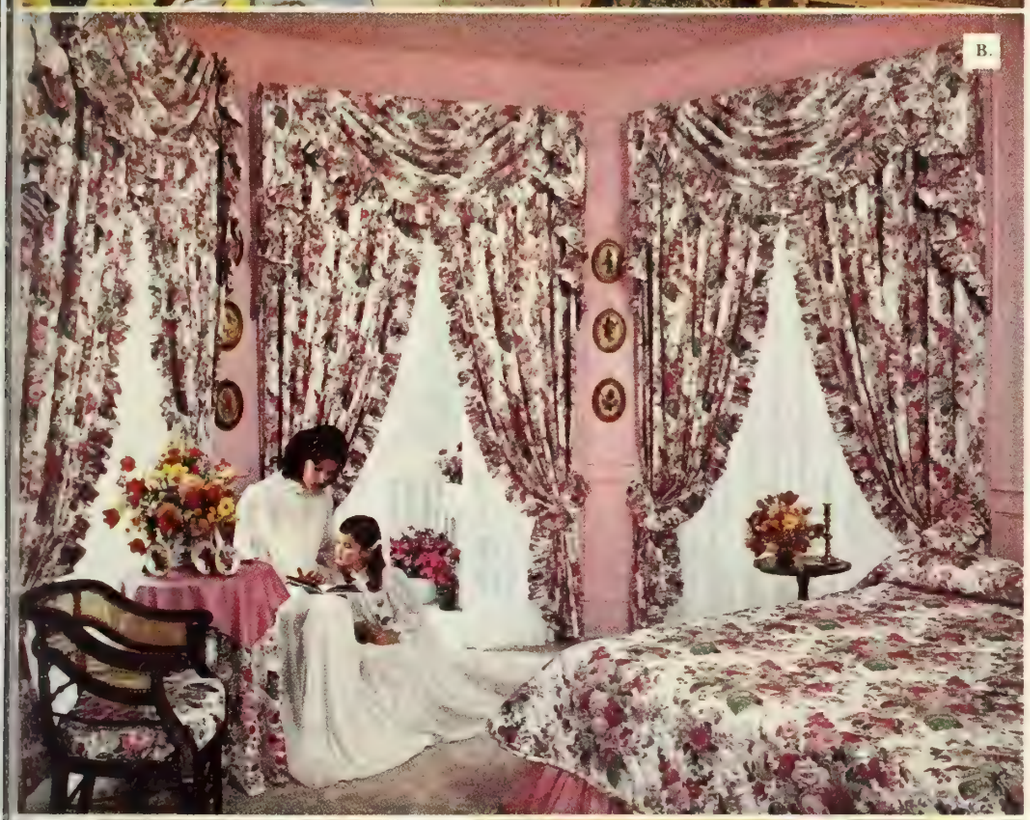
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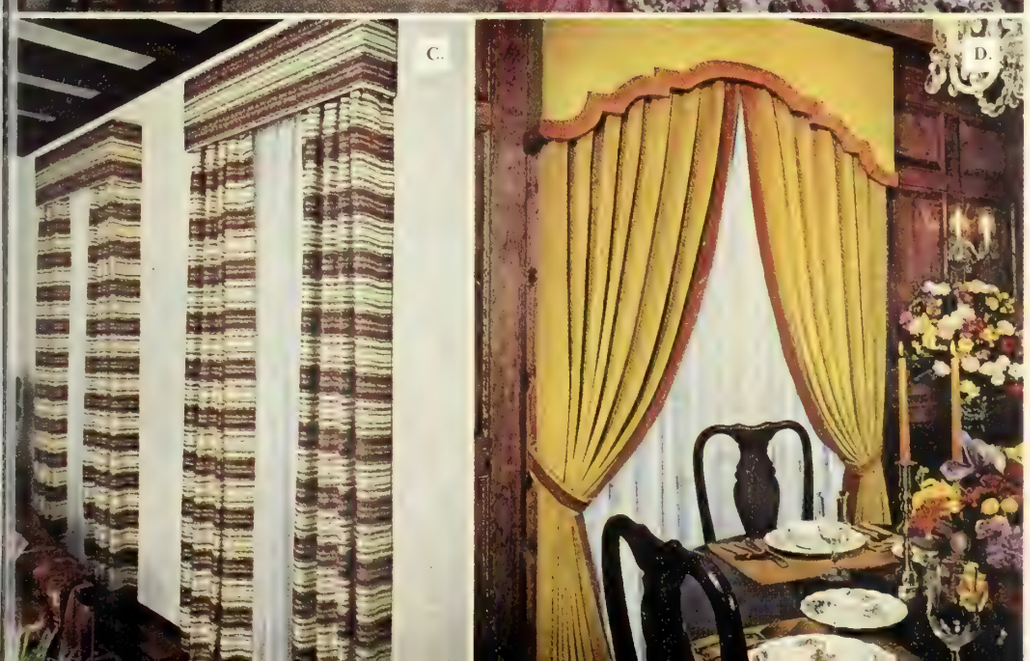
Hanging garden (right), resembling a mobile, has five-foot oak frame that's easily assembled. "Wine Rack/Hanging Garden," $20 plus $3 shipping; four hangers, $5. Crafts'n Things, P.O. Box 6, Decatur, Mich. 49046. Seamless plastic planter (below) has chrome base on recessed casters; 15 inches high, $65. Other sizes available at Architectural Supplements, through designers.











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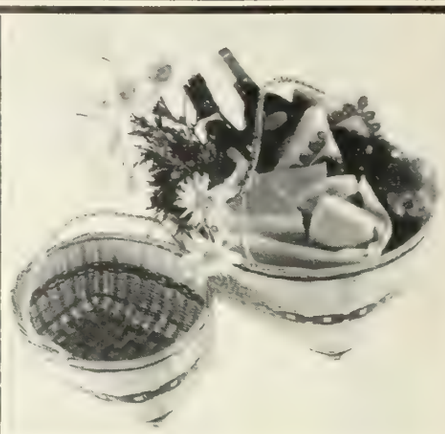
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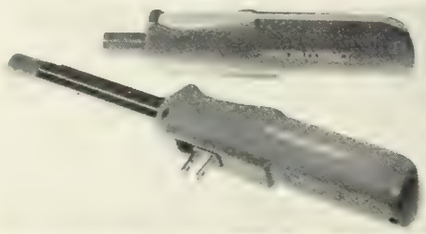


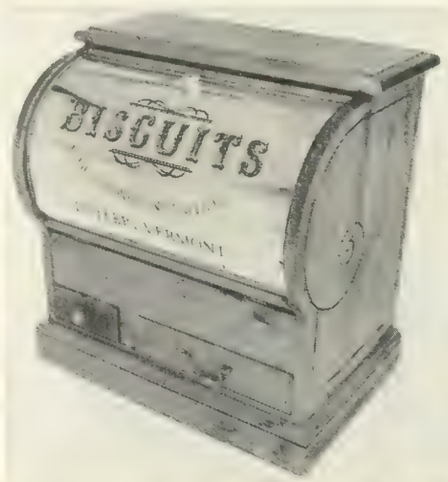


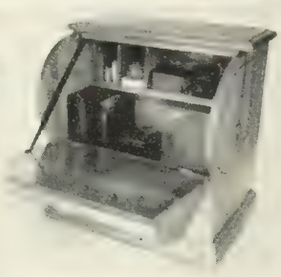
Tiny rosewood cart (left), 14 by 19 inches, is topped in hand-printed brown faience Baca tiles in abstract designs. Tray top lifts off. Tea table, about $425. Royal Copenhagen. The collapsible electric curling wand (below) has a cordless snap-out plug that recesses while you curl. Gillette's "Super Curl Compact," $16.

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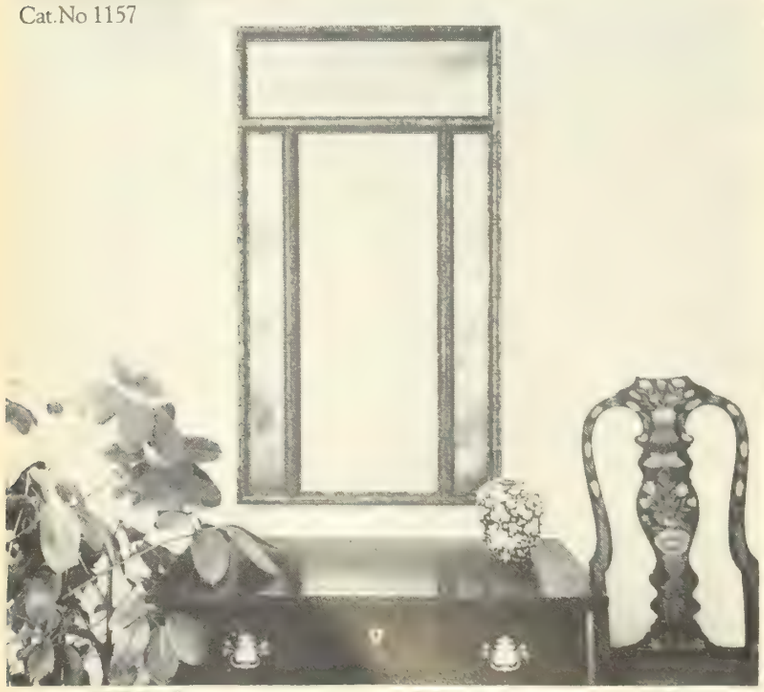
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Hidden clavichord keyboard slides into view when party time arrives

The problem wasn't unusual. A love of music led to a collection of electronic equipment, which led to a desperate need for storage space in an apartment that is small. The Bruce Bendingers of Chicago solved their dilemma by working with a local carpenter to build the handsome cabinet shown above. ***Compact, well in*** keeping with the contemporary decorating elsewhere in their home, the cabinet serves its purpose and then some. Attractively packed away in its recesses are speakers, receiver, six-channel mixer, a turntable, earphones, cassette player and, the *pièce de résistance*, their electronic clavichord keyboard that hoves into view at a touch, situated below the lowest open shelf. ***Storage space*** for records, tapes and miscellaneous musical accessories is below the keyboard. The cabinet also cleverly masks a load-bearing post that can't be removed. Behind the post is a matching cabinet extension that serves as a bar with liquor storage below. Beyond its storage attributes, the unit breaks space visually between entry and living room. Cabinet is made of birch plywood and given a hand-rubbed white lacquer finish. Complicated electrical wiring is accessible through a hollow section in the back of the cabinet. ■





JESSIE WALKER

Clavichord keyboard, which is connected electronically to the same speakers as other music systems, is shown closed (above), *then open* (left). *Fitted with hidden hinges, front panel pulls down; keyboard slides out. Built of one-inch-thick birch plywood and coated with rubbed white lacquer.*

Matching cabinet serves as bar with liquor storage


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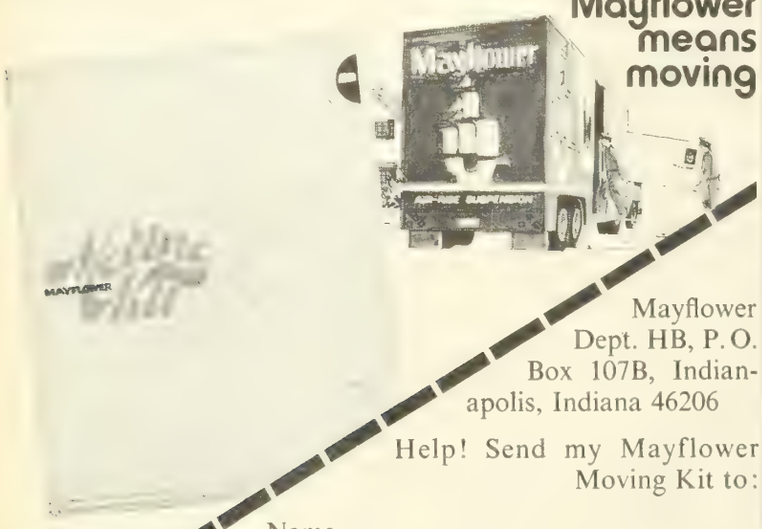
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By JOHN H. INGERSOLL ☐ See what a difference a new wood deck and skylit space make! A big old house with more than enough space for a family of four to roam around was—like many vintage houses—badly organized for life today. Both views of this District of Columbia house are from the rear

New wood deck and skylit space make all the difference

handsome bit of architectural reshaping was designed by Richard Ridley, partner in the Washington, D.C., architectural firm October. Since the rear of the house faces a park, it was logical to open up the rear.

And more than that, since the tall skylight addition faces north, daylight, but little solar heat, flows through the glass to the sitting area and living room beyond (rather vital during the steamy Washington summers). The living room is brighter be-





HELEN ANROD JONES

A rambling Washington, D.C., house (top)*—of which there exists a multitude—was given a new wood deck and a dramatic skylit space formerly closed in and designated for the maid. Remodeling has brought the house resoundingly into the 1970s without disturbing its very settled and engagingly haphazard appearance.*

yard. It would be difficult to find a more typical rambling, turn-of-the-century home than in the top photograph. A little-used open back porch at the right gave access to an outdated and rather dark kitchen. And on the left wing: a maid's room no longer needed.

In the bottom photo, you'll find it easy to see how a new wood deck unifies the rear of the house, from the glamorous daylight-filled extension for the living room on the left, and on the right, the old porch, glass enclosed now to make a playroom for the children. This cause walls were removed between this space and the maid's room, now leaving the fireplace standing alone—the chimney of which can be seen through the skylight in the bottom picture. A second-level study, directly over the sitting area, also benefits from the new wealth of daylight. A solid white railing on either side of the chimney in the bottom photograph marks the forward edge of the study.

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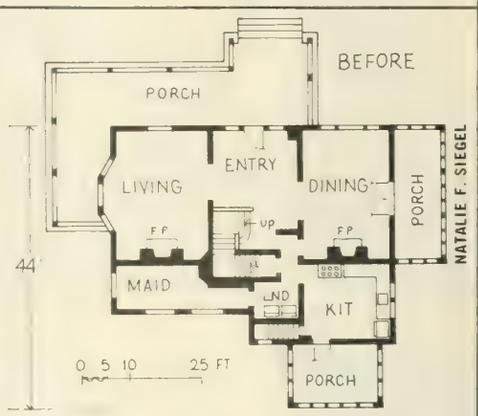
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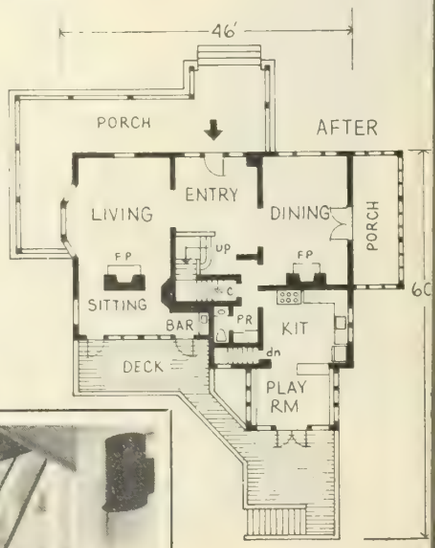
Original plan remains essentially in revised version

cedar shingles on the bottom two-thirds of the railing do the blending admirably, while the deck shape itself lends a contemporary note to the design. Deck area at the right is outdoor play space for the children. Deck space in front of the skylit room is an adult seating area. Both outdoor spaces are connected by an angular bridge, a wooded walk that ties the kitchen to any portion of the deck, so that dining alfresco i no chore for the hostess (wh also happens to be the cook)

The house is in a busy neigh borhood, hard by adjoinin homes, as you can see in th photograph below. Yet, for a the glass additions, the hous retains its privacy. Views ar oriented to the wooded park i the rear. Foliage maintains discreet screen around almos nine months. For so striking change in an old house, the re modeling was rather modest, a the plans below indicate. Bi old houses overlooked by buy ers can be molded to moder life at relatively little cost.

Original plan (top right) *remains essentially as it was in the revised version* (below right). *The deck is the most conspicuous new addition. Also two changes inside improved the plan considerably. By converting the back porch to an enclosed playroom, the young children are put within sight of their mother, who spends a lot of time in the kitchen. Second, note the walls around the living room fireplace have been removed.*







Wood bridge angle along the contour of th house, connecti outdoor play space f the children to t seating area for adul (in view at the end the bridge). Since th face of the hou looks north, light throu the skylight is ev and tempered. To t right of the plant foreground are Fren doors leading into the playroom that's only a step away from t kitchen. A brick house in background illustrates proximity neighboring homes, and yet, the remodeling doesn't erode privac

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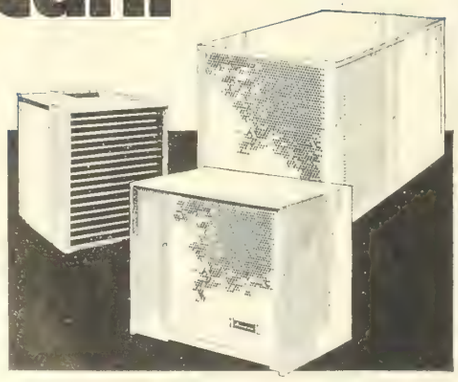
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These statistics were passed on to us by R. Power Fraser Jr., group vice-president for building at GAF. "We have in this country a housing need for new families and larger quarters for growing families, neither of which is currently being met by the new-construction industry," Fraser commented.

"In fact, it now costs 27% more to own a house than a comparable residence would have required in 1973," he said.

RESTORATION is far more than a patriotic goal in this Bicentennial year. Families are buying and restoring old houses because (a) they love a particular house, and (b) it's less expensive at the beginning. Even if the final cost is equivalent to that of a new house, most owners spread the cost of restoration over many years, never quite feeling the pinch experienced by new-home buyers. But there are pitfalls. "An old house can be a money-gobbling trap for the unwary," says Clem Labine, editor of *The Old House Journal*. The important thing in buying a vintage house is knowing the structural and mechanical defects and balancing them against your reserves of energy and cash. There's help at hand. The *Journal* has recently published a four-page "Inspection Checklist for Vintage Houses." It is available free from *The Old House Journal*, Dept. 40, 199 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217.

IS A KITCHEN REMODELING in your future? When you make up your plans, don't neglect good ventilation. So advises (logically enough) the Home Ventilating Institute. HVI goes on to point out that new technological advances in powered venting equipment include multiple-speed motors to vary ventilation according to need, high-powered roof-mounted fans and much quieter operation. HVI recommends a minimum of 40 CFM (cubic feet per minute) per lineal foot of range hood against the wall, and 40 CFM per lineal foot for island or peninsula hoods. Thus, a 36-inch range hood should deliver a minimum of 120 CFM, and a 36-inch island hood a minimum of 150 CFM. When you buy, look for HVI certification on the unit.

SHADES OF BROWN are working their way up the popularity scale for exterior house colors according to a survey of architects, contractors and roofing material manufacturers by the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association. The concept of brown as a natural color for the home does have some psychological documentation. *The Luscher Color Test* by Dr. Max Luscher (Random House) explains that brown is associated with a "place" where people "could feel secure."

In the test's interpretation of colors, gray stands for neutrality, dark blue for calm and restfulness, yellow for cheer and green for perseverance. Brown is also seen as a "sensuous physical" color. Whatever the motivations for the color choice trend in roofing, it's clear brown is making it to the top.

REMODELING ANSWERS—so short and to the point—are plentiful in one of the better brochures on the subject we've seen in years. It's "The Andersen Remodeling Answer Book" and while it does discuss Andersen windows (as you'd expect), the booklet concentrates on answers to general remodeling questions. These are indicated by the subject headings in this 24-page manual: Getting ready to remodel; The contractor and the contract; Financing; Popular remodeling projects (kitchen, adding a room, patio and sundeck, adding dormers, the bathroom and window replacement) plus energy notes. It is available free from Andersen Corp., Bayport, Minn. 55003.

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By JOHN H. INGERSOLL □ Hidden from view, forgotten once it's installed, relegated to minor importance in the past, insulation has begun to receive its due recognition in building and remodeling plans.

Some homeowners react as though insulation were a new concept in the "Why didn't somebody tell me about this before?" category. That's ironic. The first man-made insulation was produced by the Welsh in 1840 and a factory to make "slag fiber for insulation" started up in this country in 1875. Glass wool was produced here for insulation in the 1930s.

Nothing very magic brought insulation to the forefront of homeowners' thoughts. More than anything else, economics was the goad to new interest.

The apparent villains were utilities and the fuel oil companies. In the past three years, fuel prices have jumped enough to put some people in a panic. In a cooler frame of mind, these same people would probably ad-

Insulation becomes an investment with high dividends

mit that the local sources of fuel are not wholly responsible. Besides, when one's annual bill soars from $250 to nearly $500, the cry goes from "Who's responsible?" to "What are we going to do about it?"

And that's when plain old insulation suddenly became a glamor product. Like preferred stocks and bonds, insulation took the look of an investment and shed that of an expense.

Insulation has always been a money-saver. Today's discovery —and it is a discovery, even for the building industry—is that more insulation is more of a money-saver for homeowners.

A telling example is a small project initiated by an Arkansas builder, Rex Rogers Construction Co. The company's tactic: a significant reduction of heating bills would make the houses more saleable. Wherever insulation was recommended, the company doubled the requirement. Instead of one six-inch-thick batt of insulation over the ceiling (which is normal), the company installed two thicknesses of batts. Using two by six-inch wood studs in the walls, the builder packed in six inches of wall insulation, replacing the normal three inches. The results are dramatic ones indeed.

Over the heating season from October, 1975, to March, 1976, the super-insulated house used up 2,672 kilowatt-hours of electric heat, compared to 13,050 kilowatt-hours for one similar house having "normal" insulation. Cash savings for the super-insulated house amounted to $200.89 over the entire period. The figures: $256.22 for the normally insulated house and only $55.33 for the super-insulated house. The savings

Super-insulation cut energy use almost 80% over similar houses with a normal level of insulation

over one heating season about covered the insulation cost.

Though insulation primarily accounted for the lower costs, there were other changes, too. Heat losses were blocked in every conceivable way. The house includes double-glazing or storm windows throughout, insulated exterior doors and heating ducts, properly sized heat equipment.

Tests of super-insulated houses containing heating and cooling equipment indicate that savings are enjoyed during both summer and winter cycles. A small super-insulated house (1,200 square feet) in Benton, Ark., generated an average heating and cooling bill of $12.83 a month during the first year of occupancy. Though electricity was the energy source, savings would have been made as dra-

More insulation can save you more money all year round

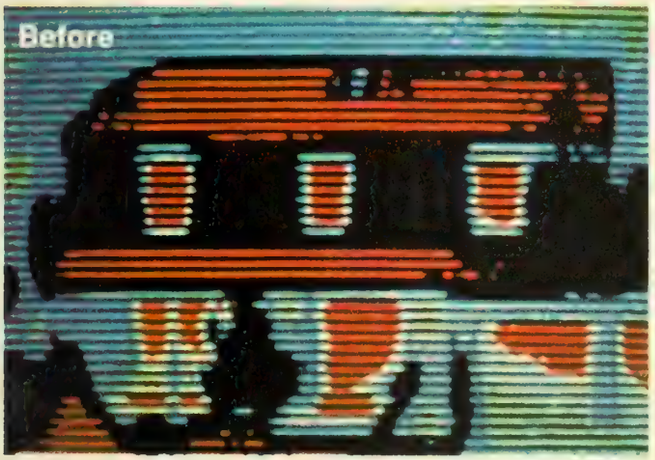
matic using oil or natural gas.

Certainly, if you are contemplating construction of a new house, a wise move would be a thorough review, at least, of super-insulation. For an existing house, additional insulation may prove a big money-saver (see "How to Trim Cost of Fuel" in the February, 1976, House Beautiful). Data on the Arkansas houses has been published by Owens-Corning, makers of spun glass insulation. A somewhat technical, but nevertheless readable 50-page booklet, "Energy Saving Homes, The Arkansas Story," is available for 50 cents a copy from J. A. Meeks, Owens Corning Fiberglas Corp., Fiberglas Tower, Toledo, Ohio. ■

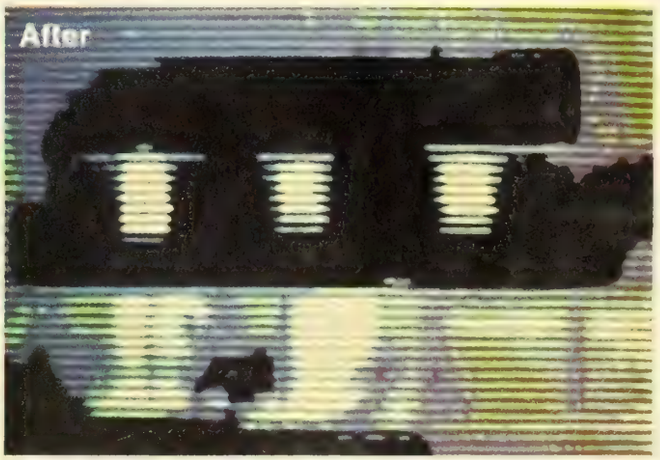


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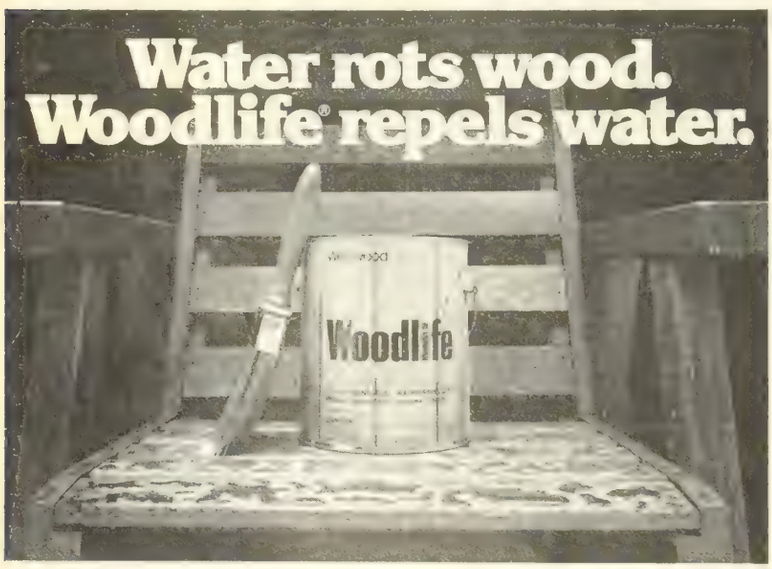


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CREATE A PERSONAL LOOK WITH YOUR ART

By ERIKA MARK ☐ Decorating with art is an art in itself—but one that can transform ordinary rooms into tasteful and interesting environments.

Art can and should be used everywhere in the home. There is no room that is not made more inviting by the addition of the right art piece or pieces—and that includes kitchens and baths. And while it used to be that still-lifes would hang in a dining room, seascapes in a living room and nudes in the bedroom, most such rules regarding subject matter for specific rooms have disappeared.

Painting and sculpture are the two major areas of art as we think of it, but, broadly speaking, the category also includes collages, ceramics and porcelains, clocks, icons, screens, tapestries, quilts and certain hand-loomed rugs. Graphics—posters, lithographs, serigraphs, woodcuts and intaglio—are also legitimate, original art forms, available at lower prices; photography is a newly recognized form. Good pieces in any of these categories are enhanced by proper display.

Much of the art being produced—and bought—today is nothing more than purely decorative art that is commercial, mass-produced and meant to match up with current decorating colors. Art should not be subordinate to decorating; it should enrich it. Selecting a painting to match the color of a sofa is the wrong approach.

It does happen, of course, that you could find an art work that will match a color in your room as well as offer visual pleasure on its own. Or a particularly important or imposing art work that you purchase before other furnishings might serve as the basis for your decorating scheme.

And although the color in a painting or graphic does not have to match the couch beneath it or the chair opposite it, it should harmonize with other elements in the room. Putting a painting with strong reds over an orange sofa is jarring and unpleasant to the eye. Too many strong elements in the same room can be exhausting.

The size, shape and number of art works are also important in their relationship to other furnishings. A fine piece of art can be killed with the wrong things around it, and a potentially attractive room can be made giddy by too much art or disharmony of shapes or sizes.

In decorating a room with art, three major elements should be present: balance, proportion and interesting contrast in colors, shapes and textures.

Most importantly, one must follow one's own emotional responses in selecting art. The finest piece is not right if it doesn't really appeal to you.

The use made of a room often dictates piece or pieces to be chosen. Bedrooms are intended as restful, quiet places. Living rooms and dens can be exciting and dramatic or subtle and understated, according to the individual taste. Baths and kitchens lend themselves to whimsical, light-hearted treatment. The selection of art will reinforce the atmosphere that each room generates.

The shape or size of an area also has bearing on the art used there. Against a narrow wall, where one cannot step back, there should be nothing mind-blowing. Instead, a subtle work or an arrangement of small objects, photographs or a grouping of graphics is appropriate.

A long, narrow hallway is a good spot to use in a series of studies an artist has developed for one of his works. Place the studies in sequence so the viewer can see the development of the work while walking down the hallway. Small art works, paintings or photographs set on miniature easels, attractively break up space on shelves.

Strategically placed, art can also minimize or disguise architectural defects. If your window has no view, drape the window with a solid color and let drapes form a backdrop for a painting or paintings. What starts out as a disadvantage then becomes an attractive focal point. Art can disguise an ill-placed door or unused light switches, balance a badly proportioned room.

In general, a large painting should be given ample space and displayed by itself. Large, modern paintings need expansive wall space; when several are used in the same room, they should be placed far enough apart so that they don't compete with one another. White is generally a good background color for walls, although a particular painting might call for a colored background to complement it.

Small items are more effective if grouped together rather than scattered around a room. Individual small items that get lost by themselves are pleasing in pairs, in trios or grouped into large wall arrangements. To plan a wall arrangement, measure the (*Continued on page 65*)

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wall space, then lay all the items to be used on paper of the same size on the floor. Place the largest pieces first and then fill in with the smaller pieces, moving items around until you have a pleasing grouping. Mark an outline of each piece on the paper and hold it against the wall to position hangers.

Pictures should have something underneath them to anchor them, unless they are extremely large. The object underneath can be something like a good-sized plant.

You can center a painting over a table, but it is usually more interesting to place it off center, balancing it with a lamp or vase on the table.

Another effective way to display paintings is on easels. You can bring life to a dull corner of a room with a large picture on a stand-up easel. Table easels let small paintings be displayed on tables at comfortable eye level.

Like a large painting, a large piece of sculpture needs room around it to set it off. A small piece of sculpture is well suited to a built-in niche, on a bookshelf or atop a mantel. An important piece should be displayed on its own pedestal. A fine sculpture item also can make a handsome centerpiece for a dining table or grace a coffee table or end table. Most sculpture should be seen on all sides. If you must place a sculpture with one side against a wall, a mirror mounted directly behind it will show its unexposed side. Wall sculpture or bas reliefs can be used in spots that allow them to be viewed only from the front.

Mobiles bring interest to a room both through their form and their movement. They are best displayed in a corner or over a piano, where people are not likely to walk into them.

Kinetic art pieces that move through air circulation or by electricity can look interesting on coffee or end tables.

Almost anything goes in displaying art in the home, as long as the result is tasteful. Period furniture is used with contemporary art, to the stunning advantage of both. Modern furnishings are softened by traditional art pieces.

Every era and area of art can be mixed—in the same room, on the same wall, on the same table or shelf. Contemporary art goes very well with primitive African or pre-Columbian pieces. Hard-edge geometric compositions offer a crisp contrast to impressionist pastels.

The framing of art is extremely important, and unless you know something about framing, you should let an art consultant or a good frame shop guide you. Nowadays, there is a certain amount of leeway in framing. Many works can be framed in a modern or a traditional manner—contemporary pastel, for example, will take on a different look with a slender metal frame or an ornate wood one. The choice often depends on the decor of the room. Certain modern art does not require frames, especially large pieces.

When a great deal of light will be hitting the art work directly, use non-glare glass.

Lighting is another important element in displaying art. Lights can be recessed in bookshelves; track lights can illuminate an entire wall; up lights and down lights—can or eyeball type—can spotlight individual pieces.

Even if your budget is extremely limited, you should be able to find lithographs, posters, good museum prints or works by unknown but promising artists that please you. Remember, though, that styles, like clothing, have cycles of popularity and a person has to have considerable money to afford to buy fad art and replace it when it becomes passé.

If you are not going to use the services of an art dealer/consultant or a decorator who works with consultants, dealers and galleries, the best places to look for art works are reputable galleries who stand behind what they sell. You can also find good art at auctions, but you have to know what you are doing. Art works can be rented from galleries and from some museums.

Art that has been in the family for years and is passed down can sometimes be given new interest by modernizing a frame or changing a dull mat to a bright one. What is one generation's junk might be the next generation's jewels. Vogues and cycles in art appreciation bring new recognition and value to art styles that have been neglected.

Whatever your decorating scheme, find a way to use the art you have and make plans for future acquisitions. Art can bring individuality and personality to your home—and its investment is more than matched by the pleasure art provides. ■



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Sew your own Halston

Certain Halston fashions are available from McCall Pattern Co., to be stitched up by home-sewers. The dress above (pattern No. 5103) is 100% Halston, made in "Halston's H" sheeting, the designer's geometric play on his own initial, one of the designs in the "Halston for Fieldcrest" collection.





Halston's own version of hand tailoring

"I see fashion and the home as closely related," says Halston. "If you change your clothing for a different mood, why not your surroundings? I gave this collection the variety of a tailored look, a floral and a geometric. You could change your mood every time you changed the sheets." The "Tailored Look" sheets are solidly colored in champagne, coral, navy or silver, with white-striped turnbacks trimly stitched in fagoting (*detail, top left*). Coral sheets, quilted, upholster mattress and box-spring of a daybed and the chair cushions in a sitting room/guestroom (*above*). Made up with "Tailored Look" sheets and pillow cases and a Halston-designed Berber wool blanket (*left*) the bed is smartly in character with the rest of the room. The rug is by Saxony. Sheets are a soft half-and-half, no-iron blend of cotton and polyester.





A flurry of flowers, a look of chiffon

"I designed this collection just as I'd design a ready-to-wear collection—not just for myself, but also to please many different tastes. I wanted a floral that would be like a watercolor, soft and soothing, with the airy look of a floating chiffon." He caught the feeling in "Halston's Flower," which practically furnishes an entire bedroom in its clover green and tea rose colorations (*right* and *facing page*). In its violet version, the sheeting makes up into the dreamy, Halston-designed at-home coat (*left*), sewn from McCall's pattern No. 1236.







It took Halston and Fieldcrest a year and a half to perfect this bed and bath group but, says the designer, it was time well spent because the end results measure up to their mutual high standards technologically and aesthetically. An overwhelming gaggle of cushions tailored from sheets dresses a bed already dressed in the sheets, ready-made comforter-coverlet, pillow shams and dust ruffle in "Halston's Flower" green (*left* and *far left below*). The same sheeting curtains windows and skirts a bed table, which has an over-square of solid green sheeting. Sheeting was quilted to cover the chair and ottoman. See the floating flower pattern close up in green (*above*), in blue, peach and buttercup (*below*). Ready-made comforter and the pillow shams are quilted with a fluffy fill of Kodel (R) polyester.

A total look

"I had been saving a signature 'H' pattern for this collection," says Halston, and he's happy about the way it turned out, patterning sheets, pillowcases and woven into towels and the cloth of a counterpane and pillow shams. "It could almost be Greek symbols." Masterfully subtle, endlessly useful, it gives a total look to the New York bedroom of Albert Hacko, shown here. Brown bedspread and cushions are (what else?) Ultrasuede, that elegant, washable, show-stopping fabric that fashions the famous shirtdress—a Halston signature itself.





The Ultrasuede bedspread (*above*) is a magnificent quilting of diagonal diamonds, its corners perfectly mitered. "It was expected of me," says Halston. "It's very difficult to produce, but Fieldcrest conquered it."
All brown cushions shown are covered in matching Ultrasuede shams.
Striped wool blanket (*below*), was designed to coordinate with the "Halston's Tailored Look" bed linens.





A pair of signature touches: an 'H' and Ultrasuede

Halston's geometric play on his letter "H" signature is woven into a hefty, natural-colored cotton, which tailors a ready-made comforter-counterpane (*top left*) and pillow shams (*above*) that are sparsely, stylishly quilted. "Halston's H" sheets and pillowcases are seen here in champagne (*center*) and pale coral (*top far right*), on bed. More sheeting was stretched on a four-paneled screen to surround the bed with the same go-with-everything, pleasantly unobtrusive print. For a total look, sheeting also covers the bed's box-spring (*center*) and the cushion of the Chinese chair (*near right*).The towel, in sable, repeats the signature. "Halston's H" sheets and pillowcases also come colored in a light blue and in ultra-white.





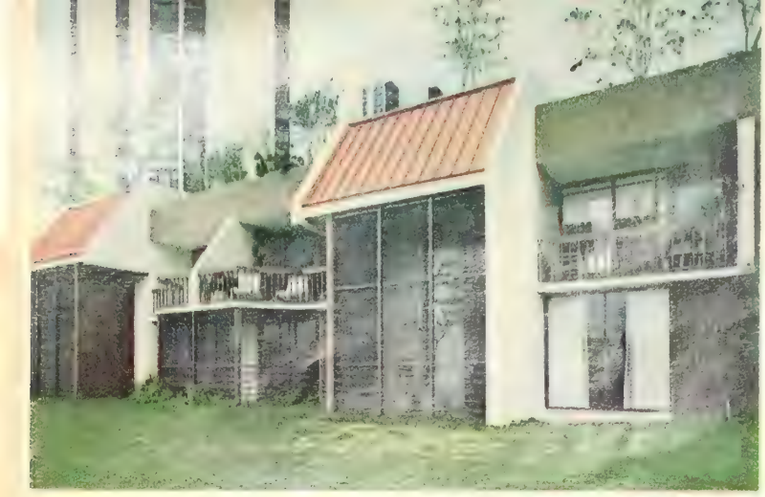




The 'workable' towel

Halston took a very personal approach to the entire design of "Halston's H" bath towels and mats. "I've always wanted towels that really absorb the water." For this, he insisted upon 100% combed cotton in the complicated Jacquard weave. Shown above in poppy, larkspur, white, champagne, cerulean blue, silver and sable, they're also in cognac and navy. He also insisted upon soft, supple sheeting. "Halston's H" is shown at top in blue, champagne and coral. One proof of its easy-to-sew suppleness is the soft jacket, blouse and pants ensemble (*right*), another Halston creation and typical of the master couturier's uncluttered design. You could make this yourself, following the McCall pattern No. 4757.

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GRACEFUL GROOMING

a designer creates superb settings in standard spaces







Editor LESTER GRUNDY □ Sunshine, sea breezes and country club views come with the setting, a townhouse in Aventura, an Arlen Realty Inc. planned community development in Miami (*top left*). And this interior, created especially for House Beautiful by Interior Designer Robert Metzger, ASID, and his associate, Diane Denning, is a cool, elegant foil for these natural elements.

Throughout, Metzger has used furniture by Drexel and Heritage with fabrics of Celanese fibers, working with a standard duplex plan except for one major change: To increase the already abundant light and air, a wall was removed between living and dining areas (*above*). To dramatize this flow of space, the dining room window was also enlarged to complement the terrace doors. Draperies provide unity—the beige color of the living room banded in the Chinese red of the dining area. Hung full-length, they emphasize the luxuriously high ceilings, especially pronounced in the two-story living room (*right*). Floors on the main level keep their cool with Interpace tiling. The muted tricolor chevron pattern, custom-worked from a scale drawing, also provides continuity from room to room. "Large Dart," a like geometric of Celanese Lanese fiber, upholsters the Heritage sectional seating arrangement, covered in tone-on-tone textured beige to understate its size.

The open-ended configuration of chairs, corner pieces and ottomans—one used as a game table with chess set from Casa Bella—faces an Oriental setting of pecan-and-glass coffee table with rush insets, and lacquered chinoiserie bar cabinet with antique porcelains from Twery's, surrounded by a froth of greenery chosen and arranged by Elliot & Co. (*lower left*).

Several periods and patterns meld in an intimate foyer (*left center*) with textured "Haymarket" wallpaper from First Editions, continued from the living area, backgrounding an Oriental-inspired mirror, "Et Cetera" French hall chest with hand-screened chinoiserie and marbleized top and the final touch of an exotic Indian painting mounted quite low above the curving stairway.

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Two sets of tall Chinese screens lead the eye from living to dining area (*top left*), setting an Oriental theme that is carried out with Chinese red lacquered walls and antique porcelains, accented with eclectic furniture designs from Drexel's "Et Cetera" collection. The pine cabinet (*left*), flanked by pedestaled lions from Elliot & Co., faces an octagonal dining group set on a complementing octagonal rug by Columbus Mills. The eight "Bicentennial" chairs are embellished with chinoiserie and given seats of "Kuma" fabric in Celanese Lanese. They ring a tablesetting that seems to float on the clear glass tabletop: red-and-blue Fukagawa bowls, available

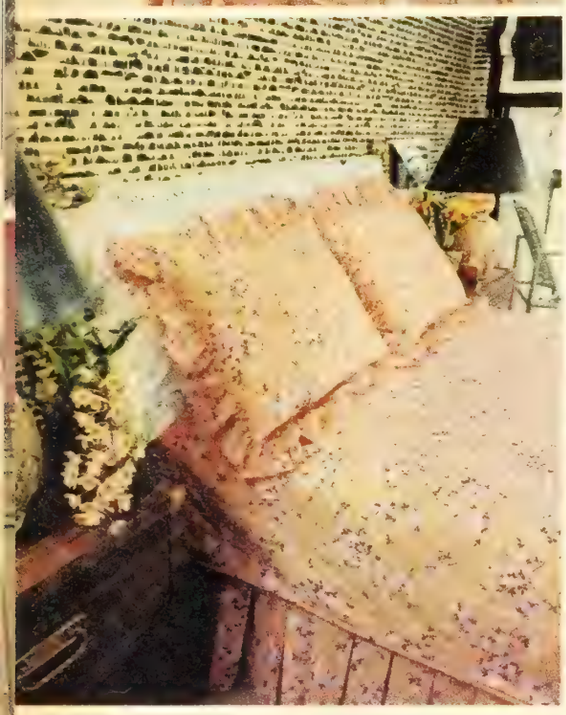
traditional forms can bring fresh impact

through Wayne Fraser Co., butter plates from Mottahedeh and Gorham goblets surrounding a centerpiece with coloring that has sprung from the Oriental-motif plates and print napkins (*above*).

The den/balcony (*right*) overlooks the living room. Here, Heritage sectionals are arranged as a banquette and upholstered, like the walls, in beige "SuperSuede Plus" Arnel/Fortrel, sparked here and there by plump batik pillows. The armless chair that completes the sofa group allows easy reach for reading material stored in Drexel's "Woodbriar" magazine rack of pecan and leather. Complementing sofa units on the subtly striped "Molly Pitcher" carpeting by Columbus Mills are Heritage's small "Sketchbook" cocktail tables of black lacquer with raised chinoiserie. Unusual artwork plays a starring role in the scheme of things, as well. Three horizontal brass wall reliefs by John Geoffrey Naylor reflect light from the tall living room windows across the room, with Sid Solomon's "Gladerum" large abstract hung on the adjacent wall.

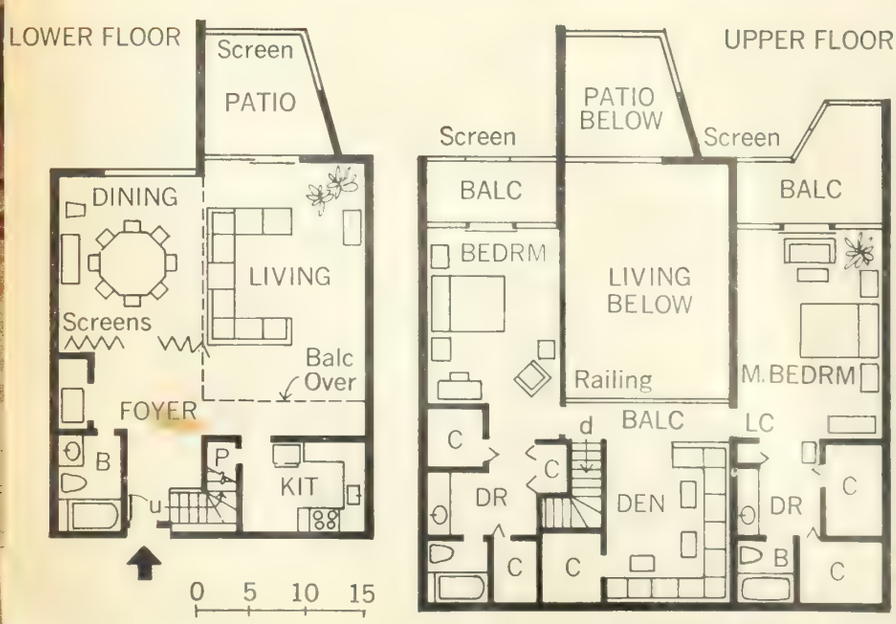

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Weekend guests may well ask to spend the week when they enter this guestroom (*above*) —done with an exotic tropical theme that opens to sweeping views of the golf course. Far-flung accents spice this essentially romantic scheme. "Oriental Blossoms" sheeting by Cannon Mills makes a garden of the comforter, dust ruffle and the flanged pillow shams, backed by a larger pillow of white eyelet and a brass-finish headboard. The bamboo-slat look of the "Shady Lady" wallcovering by First Editions was left *au naturel*, for the feeling of an island porch.

In this setting, Drexel's "Et Cetera" designs add intrigue of their own, set off on a pale beige carpet. The lacquered secretary with hand-screened chinoiserie (*top left*) is both decorative, displaying china dogs from Twery's, and functional, opening to provide writing space for postcards and notes. Here, it is paired with a cushioned rattan chair. The rattan motif is reinforced yet again by the two Drexel campaign-style "Crosswinds" night stands (*lower left, above*), cherry wood designs accented with brass hardware and edged with the look of wicker. Leafy pottery lamps are perfect touches to the flower-strewn bed. Finally, bold contrast was achieved with a window treatment deliberately planned to balance the small patterns of the room (*above*). Three Roman shades in front of the terrace doors control light as well as views. Beyond them, the patio has furniture by Meadowcraft and more chevron tile flooring.

A feeling of history reigns in the master bedroom (*right*), where soft peach tones set off distinctly traditional designs taken from classic Georgian and Queen Anne styles. "La Seine" wallcovering by First Editions runs into coordinating "La Seine Stripe" on the ceiling for an all-over canopy effect—the crowning touch to a Drexel four-poster bed. To minimize the bed size and to lighten it, Cannon Royal Family sheeting of palest peach









was used for the comforter, dust ruffle and pillow cases, all trimmed with custom-made white eyelet. The same sheeting was made into floor-length drapery panels (*top near right*). These pull back to reveal "Diamond" Fortrel undercurtains, another protection against the strong sun, and a patio beyond (*see plan at left*). In the windowed sitting area, a Heritage loveseat, up-

a show of year-round elegance

holstered in "Tudor" fabric, is a contemporary counterpoint to the Colonial tea table before it, as well as to other pieces of Americana. Drexel's bachelor chest and drop-leaf end table serve as night stands, both in the same mahogany finish as the carved highboy. And pulling it all together with a soft touch is wall-to-wall "Royal Splendor" carpeting by Columbus Mills.



"WHEN I FIRST GOT THIS HOUSE I WANTED IT DIFFERENT, I DIDN'T WANT A LOT OF THINGS"

Editor RUTH WEIL ☐ When Designer John Cottrell bought his house in Bel Air, Calif., a year and a half ago, it was, he says, a 1930s modernistic "dog on the market." You see it now as he restructured it, its 1930s smokey glass fireplace gone, its coves and curves given way to straight lines that please the owner, who feels a need to live in non-faddish surroundings. Seen here (*left*) at the wrought-iron entrance gate to this three-level house, Cottrell has put it all together with a certain, direct style that doesn't depend on "things" for effectiveness. "When I first got this house, I wanted it different; I didn't want a lot of things." He says he would have liked to see "fine, fine things here," but since he couldn't afford them, he knew he'd be happier with the best of what he *could* afford—Portuguese dishes, folk art, crafts and excellent reproductions, mixed with a few fine furnishings and accessories he already owned.

It's not exactly shoestring decorating. It's not extravagant, either, but a great example of the high-stylishness a selective eye can create. Cabinet in the entrance hall (*top left, below*) is the base of a Welsh dresser—not perfect, "but it has a lot of character." The African mask isn't precious, "but effective." Scaling up the living room (*right and on our cover*) are giant bird-of-paradise plants and, on a sisal rug, a sofa copied from a Syrie Maugham original, a Giacometti coffee table, a Chippendale reproduction bench and a period Louis XV armchair, covered in suede. See this again (*top right, below*) facing a reproduction Louis XVI armchair. To these he has added an old oak gateleg table that he stripped down to its natural wood color (*bottom photos*). Armoire is period Louis XVI, the lamp base a Mexican bean pot. Clearly, Cottrell does not tie himself in to conventionalities and has no hang-ups about what is usually considered "proper" to go with what.

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John Cottrell is a mover, a changer, who appreciates fine possessions but isn't keen on acquiring them for himself. "If my clients want them, that's fine for them. But my feeling is that once you own them, they own you; you've got to take care of them. You're committed to them. I love this house but I wouldn't really miss anything in it but Annie [his 17-year-old parrot] and a chocolate pretzel [Designer] Jay Steffy once gave me. It's a shame we can't just rent things, enjoy them for a while and go on to something else." His current enjoyables in the dining room (*far right*): an antique painted cabinet with a cache of Italian fäience behind its grilled doors, a large, "ovalized" round table he had made to seat guests congenially and the half-round dowel window lattices he designed in the manner of Turkish harem screens to lessen sky glare. Chairs are copies of a Louis XIII museum piece, mirrored sconces are Mexican folk craft, chandelier is Italian. He sets the table (*above left*) with personal choices: Oriental china on hexagonal cane trays, fine French crystal and modern ceramic animal sculptures to hold bread sticks—a varied put-together of things he likes.

"IT'S A SHAME WE CAN'T JUST RENT THINGS FOR A WHILE"

His breakfast room enjoyables (*above right*) are old Windsor chairs around a copy of a French country table under a bronze English chandelier. China on sisal mats (*right*) is Imari, modern copies from precious old pieces, as are the Chinese dogs and many of the impressive Oriental ceramics in the house, chosen because they pleased the Cottrell eye and were affordably effective. The bunny napkin ring is an out-and-out sentimentalism—the very first purchase he ever made.













Fifteen years ago, John Cottrell went to California on vacation with $55 in his jeans and a lot of design ideas in his head. Entranced, he stayed, taking a job trucking furniture to stores and vociferously criticizing their window displays. One shop said, "If you're so smart, re-do our windows." He did two window settings—which were bought by a passerby in toto, down to the last ashtray. Thereafter he developed his own style, working with the late Virginia Douglas. His settled point of view is that "The best interiors are a meld of all styles, genres and ages," and his own house

"THE BEST INTERIORS ARE A MELD OF ALL STYLES"

reveals his skill at creating a sense of fullness with relatively few but large-scale objects. "My clients come to me because they like my style," he says. "When a client agrees with you, you can get the job done happily."

Speaking of his own bedroom, this man of restless tastes says, "All of a sudden, I liked red," specificallly in the free-swirling, no-period pattern of the fabric (*left*). "I like a draped bed. It fills a room and gives it warmth—and the rest can be treated very simply." Here the rest is a fireside group of magnificent wicker pieces (*above*), nothing commonplace. Chairside tables are simply luggage racks topped with plate glass. Porcelain here is bona fide Imari.

The guestroom (*below*) is in a cosseting brown, "an embracing color to use in personal rooms." Framed on the wall is a 19th-century French window shade, painted, as was the vogue. The picture is Millet's "The Angelus."







"IF YOU PLAN WELL TO START WITH, YOU CAN REARRANGE THINGS EASILY"

"I like to be able to move things around," says John Cottrell. He himself has moved in and out of many houses and is even now comtemplating a new house that will be "more open, freer than this, Mexican in character, with beamed ceilings and just plaster walls and muslin-covered furniture." He dislikes "controlled" rooms, by which he means set, formal arrangements with everything in its appointed place, rooms decorated to have a "look" that falls apart if anything's changed. "I can't live with a 'look'." He considers this the most "controlled" house he's ever lived in. Nevertheless, he has arranged his furnishings so that they can be switched around as the mood hits him. "If you plan well to start with and don't load up on a lot of formal, restrictive accessories, then you can easily rearrange things whenever you want to."

The bar (*above*) is outfitted with the only things he carried over from his last house, when his taste was going through a "dark" period. "It's warm and comfortable, sort of huggy and secure, but I don't want that feeling anywhere else in the house. Besides, the walls and floors in this room have a lot of imperfections and the dark color and carpeting kind of hide all that." The sofa is another Syrie Maugham reproduction, done by Michael Taylor, who owns the original. Nylon carpet and Indian cotton upholstery are there for wet-comers from the pool, which is right outside. Chairs are old—an English corner chair and a French muttonbone. Floral decoration is tentative—roadside weeds. Twiggy foliage in the powder room (*left*) was put together by David Jones—silk buds glued on tree branches. Lavatory base is an Italian cabinet painted by Lindsay Field.

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11 ROOMS OF DISTINCTION... EACH WITH AN INDIVIDUAL FLAIR

Flowering dogwood branches and yellow birds pattern a spectacular floor in this sitting room created by Interior Designer Barbara Ostrom, ASID, for a recent Rumson, N.J., showcase house sponsored by the Junior League of Monmouth County, N.J. With its design taken from an antique Chinese tapestry and hand-painted by Muralist Michael Murdolo, the bold-scaled floor is a stunning introduction to a room designed with the restraint and the elegance of the Oriental tradition. A pair of tailored chaise longues, pale as the painted blossoms, pose beside a fireplace with a mantel full of antique Foo dogs and statuary, an inviting place to curl up with a book and rest a teacup on the antique hexagonal table. The clean lines of the chaises are repeated in the sculpted Parsons table against the side wall, a studied composition with the antique temple hanging above, a tasseled pillow below and the intriguing touches of a camel-like sculpture and two obelisks—the whole reflected many times over in the panels of a mirrored screen.



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A profusion of youthful color and pattern, played in both positive and negative, theme the "parent's retreat" designed by Penni Paul, ASID, for Mr. and Mrs. Allan Nyman's bed/sitting room (*right*) in Los Angeles. The bed, with its stylized white posts, sports a handmade "Random Patch" quilt—a vivid accent balanced by the blue wall and carpet and soft wood tones of a traditional *semainier* from Louis G. Sherman and the pair of night stands. In the adjacent sitting area (*far right*), a pair of prints converge: "Delightful" floral paper on the walls and its near-twin, "Papillon" cotton fabric, on a custom-made sofa and bedside lamp shades. "Papillon" print in blue on white covers armchair and headboard, giving the impression of three patterns instead of two. Creating architectural interest, as well as the much-needed storage space, a wide arch of white mesh-front cabinets built to house their books and the television set now frames the conversation area. A tall Tyndale floor lamp by the sofa provides ample light for reading or, as the scene is set now, for an informal afternoon tea with friends.

Fabrics tell an exotic tale in an indigo-and-white living room (*right*) designed by Elroy Edson, ASID. Three interrelated patterns play over the poufy seating units and Parsons-style tables from Selig in a pure white surround of brick and latticework. The most intricate of all the patterns, the "Wickertree" on two facing sofas, incorporates both others in its theme: the simplest "Cane" lattice motif on two armchairs and the primitive "Raffia" print upholstered on the glass-topped coffee table and two side tables. A third table was left white for emphasis, filled with arty bric-a-brac and lit by the pure white lamp that seems to disappear into the brickwork. Natural straw magazine basket and locker under the coffee table—plus a collection of shells—heighten the cool, island decor, as does the Oriental painting centered on the far brick wall.

BOTH LEFT, MARIS/SEMEL; LOWER RIGHT, FELICIANO; TWO TOP RIGHT, HAROLD DAVIS

Restful sand tones join with punchy Chinese red in a study (*above*) designed by Charles R. Dear, ASID, and Sally Putze, both of Charles R. Dear Inc., for a Manhattan showcase house to benefit the Kips Bay Boys Club. A tone-on-tone sofa and the brightly upholstered rattan chair gather around a bentwood coffee table "papered" in grasscloth, then given a lacquer finish, here set with a Tiffany silver tea service. An Indian kilim rug defines this space, also creating a subtle separation for the windowside work area. There, a gun metal-and-bronze desk, old *fauteuil* and pull-up chair await at-home business in front of the pin-back curtains, their neat style easily recognizable as a Charles R. Dear hallmark.

A companionable study, masculine but not pretentious (*right*), is the work of Interior Designer Harry Hinson for the Kips Bay Show House. Rich leather-upholstered bergères and a Louis XV *chaffeuse* complement the dark wood of molding and wainscot and set off a blend of creamy color. His own Hinson and Co. "Tita" fabric for walls and draperies is blended subtly with the natural linen sofa, a linen-covered and lacquered coffee table and a side chair in the scalloped "Merlin" pattern. The nubby natural sisal rug lends a suitably country note. A carved mantelpiece, topped by a rare brass-and-shark's tooth *trumeau*, is flanked here by a pair of contemporary brass-and-glass étagères.











Manor house elegance pervades the living room (*above*) Richard L. Ridge designed for himself. Dominating the scene is a bold antler-motif area rug from Dick Ridge's "Sporting Collection" for Phoenix Carpet Co. that sets off the pure white of sofa, chairs, curtains and marble fireplace. A dramatic note is the painting over the clock.



Beige Circe velvet gives a soft, welcoming aura to this living room overlooking New York's East River (*right*). Designer Michael de Santis, ASID, covered walls and seating units in this sumptuous fabric and then echoed its colorings in the arrowhead-design rug. The batik-covered sofa table and lamp table add pattern interest, contrasted by a suede-covered coffee table and mirrored side table.

Garden colors and rustic motifs create a crisp country cottage air in this living room in Forest Hills, N.Y. (*left*). Designer Vicente Wolf of Bob Patino Associates set his theme with a wild strawberry print. Rosecore rag rug and a tree-trunk table add design emphasis. An abstract by Gabriel Halevi provides stunning visual contrast.



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**East meets West with graceful flair in
a sumptuous room** by Jerome Hanauer and Joseph Minicucci (*right*). Oriental fabrics from ıe Riverdale "Far Away Places" collection spice 8th-century designs from "The American Masterpiece" collection by lickory Furniture Co. and a Ridgeway grandmother clock. Royal blue is the unifying note—nating "Lotus" draperies with "Bokarra" print on the bed (*top*) and the "Samarkand" on the chairs and ottoman beside the fireplace (*below near right*). The desk corner (*below far right*), with burled mahogany secretary, mixes Oriental objects with "Kashan" fabric on the chair seat.

A king-sized bed/sitting room is given many regal but quiet overtones in this room (*left*) designed by Angelo Donghia, ASID, for the Kips Bay Show House. The centrally positioned bed is a focal point of tailored luxe, hung with "Ashoka Check," a subtle tattersall used again on the low chair at the foot and on the pillows in the sitting area. A sculptured niche frames a grouping of sofa and chairs in palest "Polo" fabric, flanked by tall bamboo lamps, and the nearly invisible touch of a Lucite table (*far left*). Recessed lighting dramatizes the profuse floral painting by Richard Giglio. And the wood-and-marble console and mirror on the side wall provide the necessary balance.

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THESE NEW PIECES MAKE IT EASY!

Editor KATHLEEN MAHONEY □ **Today, no one dictates the way our homes *must* look. You can choose to express yourself with the natural look of pine, in bamboo furniture with nostalgic "attic" feeling, in crisp, clean contemporary designs in shiny brass and sparkling glass—and find all of them readily available. Here, a sampling of the newest offerings.**



(**1**) For purposeful camouflage or just to bring impact to a bare space, this country-look screen comes with adjustable split-bamboo shelves for plants or small accessories. Of knotty white pine and quartered ash veneers and solids with a light pine finish, it's from The Lane Co. "Honeyshuck Farm" collection and available in 64- or 48-inch widths by 76 inches high.

(**2**) Oriental tapestry sets off this comfortable Tonsu chair with cordovan finish, brass straps and rings and shaped molding around the rails. It is 30 by 27 by 29½ inches high with cut-out back panel, shaped back and arms; available with casters from Century Chair Co. (**3**) Nostalgic ball-and-claw feet, geometric fabric and Spanish maple with a pickled finish make this 21-inch-high bench a true collector's item; from The Weiman Co. (**4**) Bright and contemporary, this armchair and ottoman are very easy to assemble. With steel frames, enamel finish and cotton fabric called "Bantu," they're from Ivy Terrace's "The Sandpiper Group." (**5**) Stylish, comfortable "Palm Beach" Hide-A-Bed sofa is covered in chic blue-and-white polished cotton and available for your home in both 73½-inch and 80½-inch lengths; by Simmons. This handsome piece of furniture is suitable for your living room or study and can easily be converted to a bed to accommodate unexpected overnight guests.

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(6) Gardeny and good-looking, the "Dream Weaver" recliner has exposed wicker panels on the sides, 100% cotton print covering and a hidden footrest that comes out when you lean back. It's 32 by 39 inches high by 35 inches deep, a high-leg recliner by Burris Chair.



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(7) For displaying favorite collections or books, the "Opus I" étagère by Stanley Furniture is made of olive ash with burl accents and four glass shelves; 32 by 16 inches by 76 inches high. (8) Give your living room or study a nautical look with a great-looking "Buccaneer" chart table/desk by Lea Industries. The piece comes in medium oak solids with beautiful engraved finishes, spindle accents and a drawer lined with sea treasure maps; 44 by 30 by 30 inches high. Seafarers in your family will appreciate the four belaying pins, used in sailing for securing the ends of ship ropes.



(13) If you've been looking for an attractive way to display all your favorite plants, we may have a fine solution. This pine planter by The Lane Co. has a hand-carved look to its "Old Salem Pine" finish, plus a water-resistant metal insert for plants, embossed front and back aprons and a bottom shelf that can be used to hold books, china or more of your favorite greenery. It is 38 by 16 by 27 inches high. The planter's rustic flavor can enhance your den, the foyer or even a sun porch.

(9) A beautifully crafted masterpiece adapted from a New England piece, circa 1760, this secretary is fitted with 14 drawers for keepsakes large or small and two adjustable shelves. In cherry veneers and solids, it is 36½ inches wide by 92 inches high; by Wright Table Co. **(10)** Definitely a conversation piece, this mirror is patterned from an authentic ship's porthole used at the Norfolk Naval Yard. It is brass-finished urethane, 20 inches in diameter; from Lea Industries' "Buccaneer" collection. **(11)** Detailed with straps and buckles on all cushions, this rust-colored pigskin suede sofa is a stunning contemporary seating piece; by Heritage, 85 inches long. **(12)** This open armchair will look as smart in your home as it does here at an outdoor fruit-and-vegetable stand. It is made of scorched rattan with a tortoise-shell finish and has a zippered polyurethane cushion, double-woven cane back and horseshoe-shaped base. It measures 22½ by 23 by 32½ inches high and is from O'Asian Designs Inc. The simple, rustic beauty of this chair makes it adaptable indoors or out.



(14) A contemporary coffee table to complement any seating arrangement, this design combines brass, glass and cherry wood in a fine "Regency" finish. It is 38 inches in diameter and 16 inches high, from a collection designed by Eugene Torrent that also includes a rectangular cocktail table, end table and collector's table; by Harden Furniture. **(15)** This scaled-down roll-top desk is a welcome addition to any family room or study. Available in cherry or pine, it has a lighted interior and five pigeonholes for letters or memorabilia. The desk panel pulls out and bottom shelves can be used for books or plants. It is 28 by 17 inches by 43 inches high; by National of Mt. Airy. **(16)** Give any room a traditional touch with this wing chair. Wood detailing can be finished in cherry or other wood tones and it is available in many fabrics; 28½ by 31½ inches by 42 inches; Pennsylvania House.



(17) Combining the style of Queen Anne and Chippendale, this loveseat reproduces favorite features of 18th-century styling. The graceful legs have the Queen Anne cyma curve and the rolled arms are perfect counterparts to the rectangular chair-height back. Adapted from a sofa used between 1740 and 1760, the wood is solid mahogany and the Waverly fabric is a documented reproduction from Old Sturbridge Village. It's 54 inches long by 38½ inches high by 31 inches deep; by Southwood Furniture Reproductions. **(18)** Handsome butternut veneer chest with a dark-toned wood band around the edge and ring-like hardware is 37 inches long by 31 inches high; from Hickory Manufacturing "Thesis" collection. **(19)** Nostalgic, functional and handsome, this great golden oak portable bar was influenced by the Eastlake period. From Pulaski's "Keepsake" collection, this piece can be used to hold a television, is equipped with casters for ease of movement; 28 by 48 inches high. **(20)** This sporty-looking barrel armchair is comfortably upholstered in a smart camel-and-maroon large-scale plaid menswear fabric and has a loose cushion back and turn-post maple spools. The chair is 28½ inches wide by 32 inches deep by 28½ inches high; by KayLyn Inc. **(21)** The abandoned front porch of an Early American farmhouse contrasts nicely with this very contemporary Z-shaped console table, a streamlined piece of art. It is made of antiqued brass and glass and the top measures 16½ inches wide by 48⅞ long, on a base that's 26¾ inches high; from Thomasville Furniture Industries' "From the Four Corners" collection. **(22)** Another selection influenced by the popular Eastlake period, this golden oak bar is equipped with an easy-to-clean brass top and footrails. It has solid wood gargoyle supports and carved lions on the legs and measures 60 inches long by 38 inches high. From Pulaski's "Keepsake" collection, this can be ordered with a matching mirror and stools. **(23)** This coffee table is ideal for a country cottage or a suburban living room. It is made of natural, solid white pine with synthetic cane inserts, protected

by three coats of lacquer. The "Ovation" Broyhill table shown measures 34 by 34 inches by 15 inches high and is also available in a honey pine finish. **(24)** Just what you've been looking for. A great collector's item to set off any room. This mahogany silver chest in the Chippendale style has lined drawers, Chinese Chippendale-style drawer pulls. Detail work on this piece is outstanding, from the wood graining to the fretwork carving and corner brackets on the legs. Top and drawer fronts are of Carpathian elm burl; From Hickory Chair's "James River" collection, an elegant chest to treasure for life.

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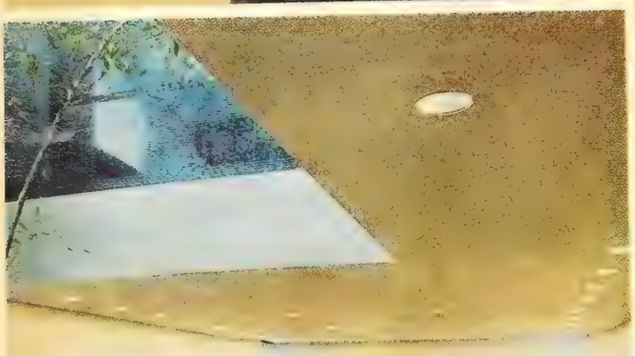
(25) Terrific for an apartment—or anyone interested in saving space—a Woodridge canopy sofa made by Pennsylvania House. The three-cushion sofa can also be ordered as a one-cushion day-bed. The fabric is 100% cotton in a free-form brown-and-beige print and a number of wood and paint finishes are available; 85 inches long by 81 inches high.

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WITHIN THE WALLS OF A LANDMARK

By SUSAN GRANT LEWIN ☐ The structure is a New York City landmark, a classic 19th-century rowhouse in Greenwich Village. Inside, however, Architect Charles Boxenbaum has created a totally new world, a self-contained four-story environment of light and greenery for clients who pursue a varied and varying modern urban lifestyle. Since the landmark facade could not be altered, Boxenbaum could not change the position of the entry. So he designed an open stairway (*top*) that brings visitors from that door up past the indoor garden and around a curved wall (*above*) into the new living room (*right*). Though the beginning of the carpeting establishes the room's formal "point of entry," this sensuous space of carpeted furniture forms and rough sand-finish plaster walls—set off by a few dramatic pieces of art and textured throw pillows from The Pillowry (*top right*)—seems an extension of the indoor-outdoor mood of the stairwell. And it, too, shares in the impact of the interior garden (*next page*) that gives the feeling of opening directly to the outdoors.

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ALL SPACES INTERACT DYNAMICALLY WITH THE INDOOR GARDEN







Visually expanding the space of each room in the townhouse, the soaring 42-foot-high interior garden (*center left*) lends a sense of the outdoors to every area. Each room is physically secure and contained within its own boundaries. But when seen in combination with the garden's open space, each becomes visually endless, as evidenced in the dining room (*far left*). If any part of the design embodies the quality of Boxenbaum's total design, it is the three-inch-thick granite slab table here, which represents the strength and simplicity achieved throughout. Set now with Art Deco-inspired accessories (*top left*), the impervious granite is again a reference to the outdoors, as well as durable and maintenance-free. Even more subtle is its coolness to the touch—a sensation that, like much in the house, has to be experienced.







The natural tones that flow throughout the house are counterpointed by a play of darks and brights in the Indian fabrics in the master bedroom (*above*). Organized to take advantage of the planting space and the morning light filtering through this indoor greenery, the bedroom looks through the treetops (*left*) to an outdoor deck and the library on the opposite

A PLAY OF LIGHT

side of the garden. To allow maximum light penetration within the garden, Boxenbaum selected small-leaved trees like ficus to go with flowering plants that are periodically changed. The bedroom's natural illumination is augmented also by light coming through side windows of frosted glass—with the intensity of the light and the view from outside the bedroom controlled by thin-slat Levolor blinds. To emphasize the simplicity of the adroitly mirrored setting, everything but the bed is out of sight, with storage recessed beside the bed, reading lights hidden in the wall above.

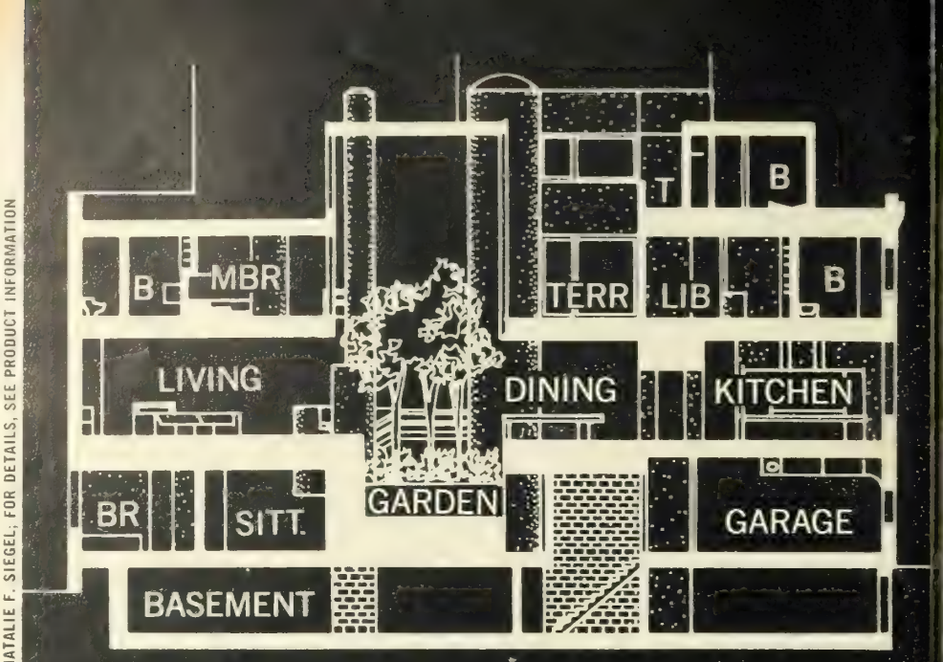
Since both of the owners are talented chefs, the kitchen is an ample space (*far right*) that includes duplicates of many major appliances, such as two dishwashers (*below center right*) and two ovens (*below center left*). With so much packed into the space, Boxenbaum kept visual commotion to a minimum by making few color and material changes. The countertops are butcher block, most of the built-in appliances are stainless steel and the black Formica island seems to grow from the durable black slate floor. A black partition above the counter stores condiments and hides cooking clutter but lets the owners chat with guests in the informal dining area (*bottom right*) while cooking. The banquette here is cushioned in a red-and-black print; a butcher-block table

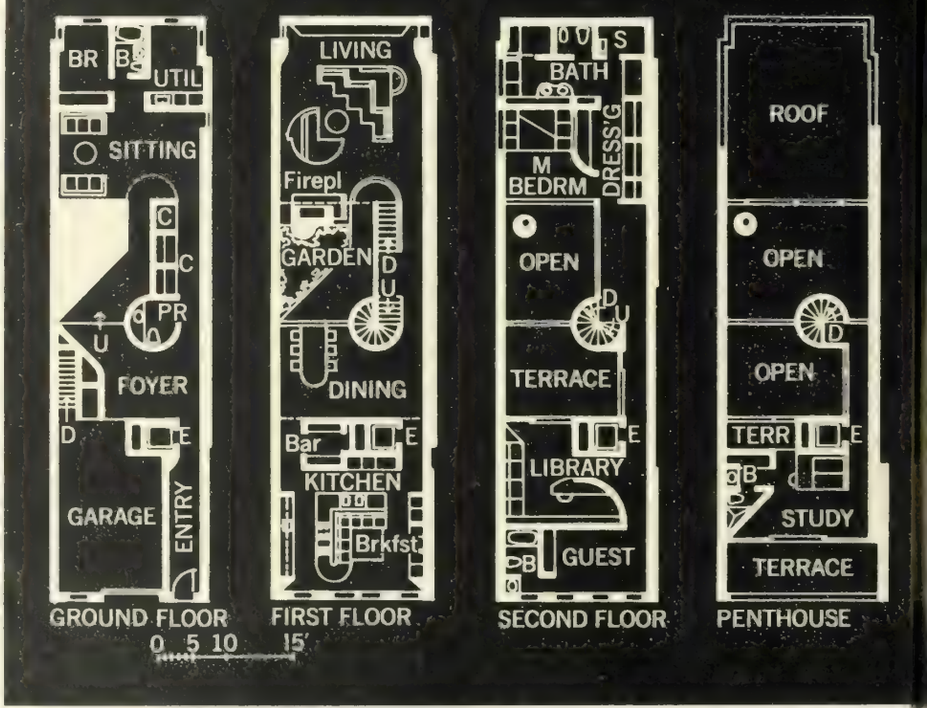
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and black window trim give visual harmony with the kitchen. The cross-section and plans (*near right*) show how easily the kitchen also serves the formal dining room—and the interplay of all of the dwelling spaces to the circulation areas and indoor garden. The library (*bottom left*) also shares in the pleasure of the indoor greenery. Used primarily as an office, it is designed to be a quiet work area, yet anyone sitting at the desk has only to raise his head to look out to a view of a deck and treetops. The master bath (*below*) was designed to get morning sunlight—and here again Boxenbaum tailored space to individual needs with a high double sink, sauna, steam bath, couch and Swedish exercise ladder.

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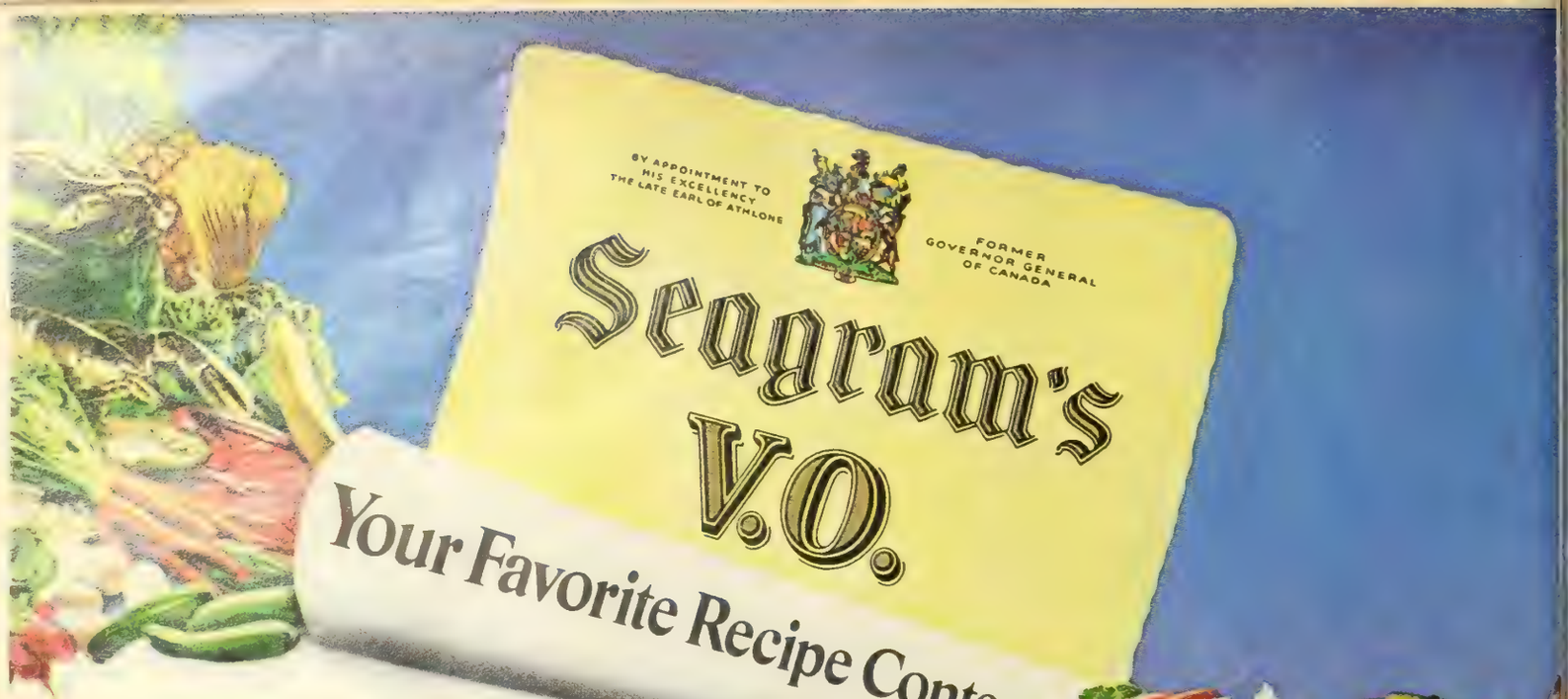




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A WOMAN'S NO-NONSENSE GUIDE TO BUYING & SERVING JUG WINES

By LINDA B. DOWNS □ **Used to be, you could safely, casually buy almost any of them. Both wines and bottles were unassuming, undemanding, making up in dependability and price for what they lacked in variety or finesse. But to paraphrase the Virginia Slims ads, jug wines have come a long way, baby. There is great variety now, in wine types and in the wineries that produce them, and many of the streamlined containers bear only faint resemblance to little brown jugs. There are other, subtle changes, too, with some of the well-known standards being made with higher proportions of fine grapes. Though they complicate buying (are all our blessings meant to be mixed?), these are changes for the better, especially since one fact has not changed: Jug wines still offer some of the best wine buys, for everyday and all but most formal entertaining.**

Whether the bottle is tall, brown and slender, green and short-necked or screw-topped and given a handle, it is what's inside that matters. And along with greater variety of jug wines, you will also find a great diversity in quality and taste—but then there are some more expensive wines we find difficult to swallow, too. So, for jug wines, as for any wines, you should choose by only one guideline—your own preferences as to what's appropriate to the menu (or use) or to the occasion.

Carafe wines are unquestionable choices for all the entertaining or partying we dub "casual:" backyard cookouts or swimsuited luncheons beside the pool, picnics on a sandy beach, summer-green hillside or fall-nippy tailgate, at snack time after a Bridge game or during a Sunday TV football session, at any time you might vary the poet's saying to a jug of wine, a loaf of bread and some cold cuts, cheeses and fruit.

Along with a greater variety in kinds of wine, you will find great diversity in quality and taste

Like most good restaurants, you'll find them dependable house wines to pour at cocktail time—before dinner, at a large cocktail party, to have on hand when friends come for drinks.

They're fine companions for entertaining that is a little more demanding, too—for buffets where the food and wine, no matter how good, tend to take second notice to the general party atmosphere; for committee meeting luncheons where you want everything just right but unpretentious; at weekend brunches that have a certain cachet but, again, don't seem overdone with knock-you-out impressiveness; for patio evenings set to the light of lanterns strung through the trees and soft music coming from records somewhere in the background.

The truly sweet whites could be a graceful alternative to coffee for a late evening "dessert and" party after a spring concert or Christmas carol sing; half-gallons of well-made fortified wines could supply sherry or port through several fall dinner parties—and some cooking in between. Half-gallons or gallons of reds, whites or rosés might become the base for party-size pitchers of Sangria, big bowls of Glögg or white wine punch.

And they may fit into more sophisticated entertaining, as well

A good jug wine could become your 'house' wine—for many occasions

—those little suppers when you want the mood deliberately festively simple, with a colorful cloth and flowered china in the country tradition or a sleekly modern composition gleaming on a bare-topped table, those small dinners when the menu is planned around some superbly cooked ethnic specialty. They would be one of the possibilities to consider if you are the hostess for this year's family holiday dinner. That's one of those *iffy* times when you should weigh the size, ages and sophistication of the guestlist (and the possible confusion level of the dinner) as well as the foods the wine will accompany.

Forget the jug wines any time you are planning a menu from the books of *haute cuisine*. You and your guests will feel the whole meal of greater stature if the wine is a like classic. We'd say, too, to shop among other wine choices any time it's an evening of *bests*—best china, best silver, best crystal, etc. Even if the food is extremely simple and your guests uninterested in wine labels, you'll probably feel everything really is your best if the wine matches the elegance of the presentation.

Let your own taste guide your buying, for the everyday table and for your entertaining evenings, too

And there are, unfortunately, times among all but the most informal situations above when you shouldn't serve a jug wine unless you're supremely confident or brave—the times when the snobs come out. Along with the increased interest in wine and food we've all seen in the past few years, we've also had to face a real ballooning of wine snobbery. The wine snob will undoubtedly know 10 other wines you should have served, anyway, but pouring a carafe wine into his or her glass is just setting him or her up for a real spiel. Or perhaps your guestlist includes a boss' wife or your fund drive co-chairperson or your husband's Saturday morning tennis partner and that person is a plain snob who's going to disparage anything but a wine labeled to match his or her pretensions. If that individual is a quiet snob who won't make your other guests feel uncomfortable with a long discourse or if everyone at the table is used to that person's carrying on, then relax and serve whatever you want. But if you are going to be nervous waiting for the comments to start, then make a special effort on the wine. Yes, we know there's a principle involved here—but (especially in this election year) there are so many more important principles you could be putting your mind to, (*Continued on page 121*)

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Entertaining with Joan & Thomas Braden

'BRING EVERYONE

By CARMINE PORCELLI ☐ "I've never been able to cook," admits Joan Braden. "I've always worked and I never had the time to learn. What I *did* learn was how to improvise."

Such lack of culinary expertise, however, has never prevented Mrs. Braden from presiding—along with her husband, Thomas—at one of Washington's liveliest dinner tables. An invitation to dine at the Bradens' home in suburban Chevy Chase is prized. And for good reason. Who wouldn't covet a chair at a table where your dinner companion might be Henry Kissinger or Ted Kennedy or Art Buchwald? That's the beginning of a pretty heady guest list under any circumstances, and heady, indeed, for the Capitol crowd, who delight in politics, power, personalities and the press.

Joan Braden may not be an expert cook, but it's obvious that she's not lacking in knowledge of what ingredients are necessary to give a dinner party a special quality.

"First of all, I adore a round table. It is the easiest way to bring everyone into the conversation. And when you have someone like the Secretary of State present, everyone wants to hear what he has to say."

Conversation is always a foremost element in any gathering at the Bradens'. Host and hostess are both very much involved in the Washington world—she as Special Assistant for Economics and Consumer Affairs at the Department of State and he as writer of a nationally syndicated newspaper column—and their contacts and friends run the gamut of Potomac personalities.

Yet the mood is generally one of casualness. Relaxed is the key word in describing the manner in which

'I've never been able to cook—I've always worked and never had time. I did learn how to improvise'

they entertain. Parents of eight, the Bradens usually include their older children at their dinners. Thus Vice President Nelson Rockefeller may discover that his dinner partner for the evening is Mary Braden, home from college for the weekend.

"I hate the idea of excluding the children, so we just rearrange the seating and add plates when necessary. That's another reason why I love round tables. They never seem to get crowded—just cozier! Besides, our guests would miss the children; they're used to having them present."

Thomas Braden's mastery of good conversation stems from his long career in journalism. He enjoys his home and his friends and mingling the two as much as his wife does.

"Now that the children are getting older," he quips, "I have noted that their dinner party conversation seems to go beyond talking about baseball."



The Bradens (top right) always use fresh flowers—and have a fire going if the weather is cool. These daffodils (below center) come from Joan Braden's own garden, but the table is a lively mix of items gathered in far-flung places—cloth and napkins (near right) from India, soup bowls (top center) from Thailand, fruit in an old Imari bowl—beneath an antique English chandelier "ablaze with candles."

INTO THE CONVERSATION'





Thomas Braden's relaxed and easy way enhances the spirits of his wife. "I know my job is to make sure the wines are ready to be served," he says. "Joan's helpless in that area." Retorts his wife, "And your wit and charm keep the conversation sparkling!"

Joan Braden has a love for fine linen, china and old silver, which she collects on her travels, and her affection is apparent from the way her table is set. See it in these settings—mixing china from the Far East, old silver and, in the center, an antique Imari bowl filled with fresh fruit and circled by bud vases, each bearing two sunny daffodils. Candles, however, are missing.

"I never put candles on the table itself, because I always have a blaze of them in the chandelier above the table. And I do love to group them at various places all through the house."



Fresh flowers are a standby, and in cool weather a fire flames in every hearth.

Mrs. David Brinkley, wife of the television personality, who with her husband is a frequent guest, describes the house as one "that always has such a wonderful glow. It has great warmth, and everyone and everything seem to take on such a pleasant, relaxed mood."

An evening may begin with the serving of fresh vegetables with curry sauce. "I like to munch on things before dinner. I don't like to just serve drinks," says Mrs. Braden, "and I don't like not dressing up a bit. Even if it's merely a long skirt and sweater, it adds glamour."

Dinner follows the theme of simplicity. A favorite starter is cold vichyssoise. "I take the canned soup and dress it up with a little extra seasoning and I fuss over it a bit to make it attractive. It's really easy. I like to serve it very cold, almost iced, with fresh chopped chives sprinkled on top. Who has time to *make* soup? Not I." After the soup, there may be a simple veal roast, and then possibly baked canned fruit for dessert.

Following dinner, everyone troops into the study for coffee and perhaps a film. "We like to show movies at home because we often don't get a chance to see them elsewhere. Our friends enjoy it, too, because they are just as busy as we are."

'I love round tables . . . they never seem to get crowded—just cozier'

As for the reaction of their guests, Columnist Joseph Alsop perhaps puts it most aptly, "Who needs more? A night at the Bradens' is just the jolliest."

That would seem to sum up the delight that Joan and Thomas Braden generate—as they continue giving great dinner parties "without being able to cook."







Bugialli sprinkles seven spices over the cavity of the bass (PASTELLO DI PESCE), then rolls the fish in pastry.



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GUILIANO BUGIALLI'S FLORENTINE DINNER

Pastello di Pesce
(Fish Baked in Crust)
LACRIMA D'ARNO
(Tuscan White Wine)
Arista con Cime di Rape
(Roast Loin of Pork with Rape)
Piselli alla Fiorentina
(Peas in the Florentine Manner)
MACHIAVELLI CHIANTI CLASSICO 1969, SERRISTORI
Zuppa Inglese
(English "Soup")
CALLISANO ASTI SPUMANTE
Espresso

By HELEN McCULLY □ **A teacher of Italian language and literature, Guiliano Bugialli has increasingly given way to his passion for Florentine cooking and the re-creation of the great past of Tuscan *cucina*. Bugialli had been a dedicated cook since he was a young man, but it was a group of his enthusiastic American friends in Florence who—after tasting the numerous extraordinary dishes cooked by Bugialli in his home in Florence—made him realize that he was in possession of a remarkable culinary tradition. Encouraged by their enthusiasm, he started a summer school, "Cooking in Florence," three years ago and this year will continue the courses in New York, starting in November. (For information, write to: Guiliano Bugialli, 201 E. 77th, New York City 10021. The recipes we present here are from his new book, *The Fine Art of Italian Cooking* (Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., $10.95). In our round-up of 1976 cookbooks starting on page 131, you will find a detailed review of Bugialli's new cookbook.**

PASTELLO DI PESCE
(Fish Baked in Crust)

From a Florentine cookbook of the 1300s, this dish is typical in that it "calls for" an extraordinary number of spices. Dishes such as this were indirectly responsible for the discovery of America, as these are the famous spices of the Indies that Columbus sought after the Venetians were cut off from the East by the Turks.

Crust:
2 cups all-purpose flour
⅔ cup ice water
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pinch salt

Place the flour in the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade. Add the water, oil and salt. Process until the pastry forms a ball above the blades. Take from the bowl and knead on a lightly floured board for 15 minutes. Roll into a ball, wrap in a dampened cloth and place in a cool place—*not the refrigerator*—for two hours.

1 six-pound striped bass, boned, scaled, tail and head on
1 flat tablespoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon ground cloves
1 flat teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 pinch powdered saffron
1 flat teaspoon cardamon
4 to 5 black peppercorns
5 to 6 sprigs Italian parsley
2 ounces pork fatback, cut into very small cubes
Olive oil
4 tablespoons rose water

Place the fish skin side down on your work surface. Sprinkle the spices uniformly over the entire cavity. Place parsley down the center and scatter the fatback over all. Sew up the opening. Roll out the dough, paper thin, on a lightly floured board large enough to encompass the fish's body (not the tail and head). Place the fish on the pastry and wrap the body completely. Make two large slashes in the pastry, one near the head of the fish, the other near the tail.

Take a 12 by 16-inch baking sheet with sides. Place a large cake rack on it. Then take a piece of heavy foil large enough to encompass the entire pan and fold under the sides to make it secure. Puncture the foil all over with about 20 little holes. The purpose of this is to allow excess fat to drip off. Brush with olive oil. Then place the fish on top. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 20 minutes. At this point, pour the rose water into the two slashes in the crust. Raise the temperature of the oven to 375° and continue baking another 15 minutes or until the crust is a light golden brown.

Lift the fish to a heated serving platter and allow to "rest" for 10 minutes. With a sharp serving knife, cut across the entire fish into six or eight slices, starting at the tail end. Remove and discard the thread as you go along. Serves six.

ARISTA CON CIME DI RAPE
(Florentine Loin of Pork with Rape)

Arista translates into "the best," the name originally given to the dish by a Greek dignitary at a Florentine feast before the fall of the Eastern Roman Empire. The pork is served with the *Broccoli di Rape*.

1 four- to 4½-pound loin of pork, boned weight, not tied
8 to 10 large garlic cloves, peeled and sliced lengthwise
2 heaping tablespoons fresh rosemary leaves or 1 heaping tablespoon dried rosemary
1½ tablespoons salt
1 tablespoon ground black pepper
6 to 8 black peppercorns
1 tablespoon olive oil

Mix the garlic, rosemary, salt and ground pepper together. Lay the meat flat on your work surface, the inside facing up. Take half the mixture and spread over the surface. Sprinkle with the whole peppercorns. Roll up the meat and tie securely with white string about every two inches. Now, using a small sharp knife, puncture the meat about ½ inch deep in 12 to 15 places. Fill these openings with the remainder of the spice mixture. Should there be any of this left over, sprinkle over the meat.

Pour the oil over the bottom of a heavy roasting pan. Add the meat. Roast in a preheated 375° oven for 25 minutes per pound or until a meat thermometer reaches 165° to 170°. Ten minutes before the meat is cooked, increase the temperature to 400°. Take from the oven immediately and place on a heated serving platter. Allow to "rest" for 10 to 15 minutes before carving. Remove and discard the string. Slice very thin. Serve to six persons.

Arista is equally delicious cold and many Florentines prefer it that way.

BROCCOLI DI RAPE
(Turnip Tops with Garlic)

4 pounds fresh *rape
⅔ cup olive oil
2 to 3 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Beef broth

Wash the *rape* thoroughly. Discard all coarse leaves and hard stalks. Drain. Drop into boiling salted water and cook until *al dente* (firm to the tooth). Drain and squeeze dry. Chop fine.

Place the oil in a heavy skillet. Add the garlic and sauté until lightly colored (take care not to burn the garlic.) add the *rape*. Add the salt and pepper to taste and cook *very slowly, uncovered*, 15 minutes. If the *rape* seems *(Continued on page 111)*

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A STORY OF SPICES—AND A BIT OF HISTORY

By JOANNE DEAN □ How often do we eat without giving any thought to the history of the foods before us—until some event in our personal lives heightens our awareness?

For us, a real interest into the background of spices developed after a trip to the Navaho National Monument in Arizona. Since the trail to the ancient Anazazi people's ruin was too difficult for me (it is the equivalent of walking up the stairs of a 70-story building), I volunteered to stay and cook dinner. ***The couple with us*** had brought along a magnificent veal roast, but creating veal de blanquette in a trailer at 7,000 feet of altitude (after hauling in water from the ranger station three miles away) was, I felt, accomplishment enough for me for the day. And even though it would have been nice to have had more onions among the canned vegetables I had to use, the results were not bad.

Everything went nicely at dinner until the couple lavished black pepper on the veal.

"What are you doing?" I exclaimed. "You don't put black pepper on meat such as that."

They muttered something about seasoning food to your taste. I refrained from pointing out that when Ruth, who is of Mexican heritage, had made us excellent green chili burritos, I hadn't used catsup on them. But I did try to tell them about white pepper.

Historically, pepper (*Pepper nigrum*), black or white is the most important of the spices. The thought is that it began moving westward from India about 4,000 years ago, and the history of that movement is a history of the spice trade—which, in turn, has affected so much of all history.

Originally, the story of that movement was also a story of great nations as first of all the Arabs became monopolists of the spice trade (more than 3,000 years ago) and then the Romans took over. When Rome lost to the Visigoths, spices were lost, too—not to come into Europe again until the Mohammed Moors gained control of Spain from the Visigoths in 711.

Venice in the 10th century had a merchant fleet that imported spices sold at high prices, and everyone has heard of the importance of spices to the Crusades and in medieval Europe. Those brave Crusaders who fought to drive the Moslem Turks from the Holy Land in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries were sincere, but not completely noble. They also wanted adventure, loot, new territories in foreign lands—and to reopen the trade route to India.

Marco Polo did something more important than his supposed introduction of spaghetti to Italy. He had discovered the sources of the desired spices. His dictated book, *The Travels of Marco Polo,* created a change in the then-known world precisely because Marco Polo had learned that ginger came from China, cloves, nutmeg, pepper, other spices from Java.

Columbus read Marco Polo's book and sailed westward with his three destiny-bound ships. Vasco de Gama found the riches of the Far Eastern spices by sailing round the Cape of Good Hope. And on a second voyage, he brought home something even more important—pepper.

The cargo was worth 60 times the cost of outfitting a 25-vessel armada, plus the wealth involved in the discovery formed the basis of the Portuguese empire. For pepper was worth its weight in silver at the time. Pepper could be used to pay customs duties, rents and taxes, to buy land, coats of arms, beautiful women, horses, jewels and other luxuries.

Within a few decades, the price of pepper did drop enough so that it could be used in ordinary households (a mixture of pepper and sugar toasted on bread became a popular supper). But control of the spice trade continued to be important to the economy of the world, moving eventually to the Spanish and finally, with the defeat of the Spanish Armada, to the English.

The spices don't have such economic influence today, of course, but they can make a great difference in your cooking.

White pepper, for example, should be used anytime you want a milder pepper flavor or lighter color than you get with black pepper. It is a must when making the classic Shaker dish called Alabaster. And that's very handy to know about if you grow your own vegetables and have a turnip crop, which usually comes up too much of a good thing: Peel and dice two pounds of white turnips and two pounds of potatoes. Cook the vegetables in water, separately, and drain and mash each separately. Then combine the two with 1 cup heavy cream or evaporated milk, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon white pepper.

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getting too dry, just add
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LLA FLORENTINE
(Peas in the
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ablespoons sugar
roth, your own or canned
densed.

fresh peas for several
in cold, salted water mixed
with flour to tenderize peas.

Combine parsley, garlic, olive oil and fatback in a saucepan. Sauté briefly until the garlic has taken on a little color and the fatback has browned. Add the peas, salt and pepper to taste and cook until almost tender, then add the sugar and finish the cooking. If peas become too dry while cooking, moisten with a little broth. Serves six.

ZUPPA INGLESE
(English "Soup")

Despite the name, this is actually a dessert made with *Bocca di Dama* (an Italian sponge cake), *Crema Pasticcera* (pastry cream) and *Alkermes di Firenze* (a liqueur). The liqueur, long a secret of the Medici family, was also known as *Elixir de Medici*. Maria de Medici (when she skipped off to marry Henry IV) and her alchemist, Ruggieri, took it to France, where it was renamed *Liquore de Medici*. The cake you make from the recipe that follows is made in three steps, starting with the *Alkermes di Firenze*.

ALKERMES DI FIRENZE

The *alkermes* must be made at least one week in advance to allow it to mature.

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground coriander
½ teaspoon mace
1 teaspoon anise seeds
2 whole cloves
3 or 4 cardamon seeds
¼ vanilla bean, cut into three pieces
3 or 4 slices dried or frozen orange peel
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon American vodka
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
2 generous tablespoons rose water

(Continued)

CHINESE GLAZING SAUCE

⅓ cup soy sauce
⅓ cup dry sherry
⅓ cup honey
– clove of garlic, mashed (more for a heavy garlic taste)
⅛ teaspoon Five Spices

Mix all ingredients together until you have a smooth blend. Paint onto broiled or roast hicken, spare ribs, roast pork r ham *about 10 minutes before* e *meat is done*. Continue cooking and serve as usual. ■

mon, cloves, ginger and nutmeg.

Or you can order Ms. Chen's own Five Spices or the fragrant Five Spices Powder sold by Karen Yee of San Francisco. For prices plus any other details, write to Joyce Chen at P.O. Box 3, Cambridge, Mass. 02138, or to Karen Yee, 795 Elizabeth, San Francisco 94114.

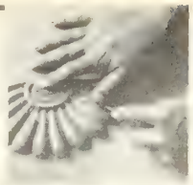
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1 tablespoon essence of alkermes*

Place all the spices in a mortar and grind well with a pestle. Place in a jar with the vanilla bean and orange peel. Add the vodka and 1½ cups of cold water. Cover tightly. Allow to stand for one week, giving the jar a good shaking every day. At the end of the week, dissolve the sugar in 1 cup of cold water. Add to the jar with the other ingredients. Rest for one more day, shaking the jar twice during this period. Strain the jar mixture through a paper filter into a large bowl. Add the rose water and the *alkermes*. Return to the bottle, cover tightly and allow to rest one more day. (Note: Any *Alkermes di Firenze* left in the bottle will last indefinitely.)

*Can be purchased from Milan Laboratories, 57 Spring St., New York City 10012.

BOCCA DI DAMA
(Italian Sponge Cake)

Because it is not sweet enough to serve as a cake, *Bocca di Dama* is never eaten by itself, but is always adorned and used as the base for desserts.

Butter
6 eggs, separated
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup flour
Grated rind of one lemon

Cover the bottom of a nine-inch square cake pan with baking parchment. Butter the sides thoroughly. Set aside.

Combine the egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl. Beat with an electric beater until very thick, light and creamy. Sprinkle with flour, adding about a third at a time, and mix in. Stir in the lemon rind.

Beat the whites with an electric mixer or beater until they hold firm, shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. With a rubber spatula, thoroughly but gently fold the whites into the egg-sugar mixture.

Pour into the prepared pan and bake in a preheated 375° oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out dry. Take from oven and place on a cake rack. Cool for two hours. It's best made a day or so in advance.

CREMA PASTICCERA
(Pastry Cream)

8 egg yolks
¾ cup sugar
4 teaspoons cornstarch
2 cups cold milk
2 pieces orange rind

Combine the egg yolks, sugar and cornstarch in a mixing bowl or the bowl of the electric mixer. Beat until very thick, light and creamy. Stir in the milk and the orange rind. Pour into the top of a d usades and in medieval simi Those brave Crusaders staught to drive the Moslem enoom the Holy Land in the the 12th and 13th centuries Sar ncere, but not completely ing., hey also wanted adven- To oot, new territories in But lands—and to reopen 1½ e route to India.

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To serve, unmold onto a large serving platter. Pour over the remaining rum. Slice as you would a loaf of bread. Serves eight or more.

THE WINES: In Florence, your host might very likely precede this dinner with *apéritifs* of dry Vin Santo, a nutty white available in the U.S. in very limited amounts, or Asti Brut, which could also be served with the fish. (Cinzano, Contratto, Cora, Gancia and Carpene-Malvoti all have examples on sale here.) If you cannot find a Tuscan white in your stores, Soave, Verdicchio or Frascati would be pleasing substitutes from other areas of Italy. There are numerous other excellent Chianti Classicos available here, but be sure to look for one at least five years old and remember to open it at least an hour before dinner. Besides the many good Astis, the dessert could be accompanied by an Italian Moscato, a sweet Champagne such as Moet & Chandon Extra Dry or Christian Brothers Extra Dry from the U.S., a Sauternes or Barzac of France. ■



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THE MICROWAVE KITCHEN

By HELEN McCULLY □ Microwave cooking schools seem to be springing up all over the country but most particularly in California. The latest to come to our attention is the Microwave Cooking Center under the direction of Thelma Pressman. Miss Pressman has had a vast amount of experience, including acting as a consultant to one of the leading manufacturers of microwave ovens, presenting the first microwave show on TV and developing and marketing microwave cookware. Associate editor of the International Microwave Power Institute, she is listed in the *World's Who's Who of Women*. For further information on the Microwave Cooking Center, write to 17728 Marcello Place, Encino, Calif. 91316. The recipe for Shrimp Veracruzana is adapted from one of the center's recipes.

SHRIMP VERACRUZANA

1 pound large shrimp, shelled and deveined
1 large onion, peeled and chopped fairly fine
1 sweet green pepper, stemmed, seeded and ribs removed, chopped fairly fine
2 cloves garlic, crushed and peeled
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 eight-ounce can tomato sauce
½ teaspoon oregano
¼ teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup dry white wine
Dash Tabasco
8 to 10 sprigs parsley, minced

Combine the onion, pepper, garlic and the oil in a two-quart glass or earthenware baking dish. Mix well. Place in the microwave oven and cook over high power for three minutes, stirring once. Add all the remaining ingredients *except the shrimp and parsley*. Cook five minutes. Add the shrimp. Stir so the shrimp is covered with the sauce. Return to oven and cook three to five minutes—just long enough to turn the shrimp pink. Garnish with the parsley. Serve to five with parsleyed rice.

PARSLEYED RICE

1 cup long-grain rice
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon butter
About 20 sprigs parsley, minced

Pour 2½ cups cold water into a two-quart casserole (glass or earthenware). Place in microwave oven and bring to a boil—about eight to 10 minutes. Stir in the rice, salt and butter. Cover and cook 10 minutes. Let stand, covered, for 10 minutes. Add the minced parsley and stir to fluff the rice. Makes approximately three cups.

Leftover rice: Place cold rice (2 to 3 cups) in a dish, cover and cook in the oven for 2½ minutes. Stir well and cook for an additional 50 seconds.

BAKED APPLES

4 McIntosh apples*
4 tablespoons sugar
8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter or margarine

Wash and core apples and cut off about one or 1½ inches of the skin around the tops. Arrange in a circle in a glass baking dish. Place 1 tablespoon of sugar and 2 tablespoons of butter in each cavity. Cover with wax paper and cook six to eight minutes or until apples are just tender. The cooking time varies somewhat depending on shape and size of the apples and temperature when they're put in the oven. Allow to stand 10 to 15 minutes before serving. Serve the apples cold with an accompaniment of heavy cream.

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Softening butter know-how from Litton's microwave cookbook: When you want softened butter to serve at your table and you also want it to keep its shape, place stick of cold butter on a serving plate. Place in microwave oven; set at defrost. Microwave 15 seconds; let stand 15 seconds. Repeat if necessary.



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Is it true that liquor bottles are going to metric measures?

Yes. Starting in October, distillers will begin changing their bottles to metric measures. The changeover will be gradual—with three years allowed for complete change—but you might as well begin now to familiarize yourself with the new measurements. Under the new rules, miniatures that now contain 1.6 ounces will become 50 milliliter size, containing 1.7 ounces; the eight-ounce half-pint will become obsolete and will be replaced by the smaller 200 milliliter bottle containing 6.8 ounces; a 16-ounce pint will become a 500 milliliter bottle containing 16.9 ounces; the "fifth," which is really four-fifths of a quart, containing 25.6 ounces, will be succeeded by the 750 milliliter bottle containing 25.4 ounces; the 32-ounce quart will be replaced by the 33.8-ounce liter bottle and the 64-ounce half-gallon will become the 1.75-liter bottle containing the 59.2 ounces.

What is white chocolate?

It's a phony. There is no such thing as "white chocolate" and under federal standards of identity, even the use of the term is illegal. First of all, real chocolate contains the cocoa mass, the substance from the cocoa bean that gives chocolate its distinctive rich brown color and deep flavor. In the manufacture of certain confections, a coating that contains negligible amounts of cocoa butter (one of the substances present in the cocoa mass) is frequently used, though it adds only a *soupçon* of real chocolate flavor. "White chocolate" can be made with vegetable fats, tinted with vegetable coloring and flavored with vanilla, vanillin or a similar artificial flavor. It seems likely the phony name "white chocolate" was "born" in a candy factory.

How do fresh and frozen steaks compare?

Recently a test was made with Omaha steaks in the James Beard Cooking School by James Beard, Carl Jerome, Margaret Dorsen of Schieffelin & Co., William Rice of *The Washington Post* and this writer. Despite the fact that the panel was determined to find some difference, the end result showed absolutely no difference. The steaks (the frozen had been thawed) were broiled rare. The panel first examined the steaks in terms of grain and texture, trying to determine which ones had been frozen. This was in vain. On tasting, first the broiled fresh, then the broiled frozen (thawed), the panel again could determine no difference whatsoever.

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In our June issue, we discussed *filtrettes*, which are available only through the manufacturer. For details on ordering, write: Barnebey-Cheney, 835 N. Cassady Ave., P.O. Box 2526, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

In same issue we talked about the USDA leaflet *Food Safety for the Family*, but neglected to say how the leaflet could be procured. *Single copies* are available free of charge. Write to the Information Division, Animal and Plant Health, Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 1165 South, Washington, D.C. 20220. ■



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THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF

TO FREEZE OR NOT TO FREEZE

By JACQUES PEPIN □ In the past few decades, the freezer has become an outstanding performer on the kitchen scene. We have come more and more to rely on this equipment, and numerous books extol its virtues to the point where certain ones pretend that it improves fresh food. As the adage says, *"Non de gustibus disputendum est"* (taste is not debatible). However, I like my asparagus or peas fresh from the garden, and I have to say that frozen vegetables rate second-best to the fresh—though I think they are, by far, superior to canned.

As a general rule, nothing should be kept in the freezer too long (more than six months). Meat is probably one of the foods least affected by freezing, but I tend to believe that it toughens fresh pork. Cured pork, among other things, has a tendency to get rancid when kept too long in the freezer. Remember also that conventional freezers do not go to the low temperatures reached by professional freezers. A freezer with 0° F. temperature is absolutely essential to maintain quality for any length of time. Food storage compartments that do not have a separate door and operate at a temperature of about 15° to 20°F. are suitable only as "everyday freezers" or for short-term storage of one or two weeks. If either type of freezer is overcrowded or ice-ridden, it will not supply adequate freezing.

Very sensitive foods such as egg yolks should only be frozen in a regular freezer (0°F.) because of bacteriological growth, although egg whites will freeze quite well. They will not pick up any taste or odor and when defrosted will whip to heights difficult to attain with super-fresh egg whites.

Raw salad, or vegetables used as salad, cannot be frozen without losing most of their crispness. This goes for lettuce, tomatoes, radishes, spinach, carrots, celery and the like. The same can be said of fruits such as strawberries, raspberries, peaches, pears, grapes, etc. Frozen fresh vegetables, although still tasty, lose a great deal during freezing. There is no comparison between frozen and fresh asparagus, artichokes, zucchini, green beans, broccoli, celery or spinach or peas (the two that do remain closest to their fresh counterparts).

Fish is of a most delicate texture and loses a great deal when frozen. Only *freshly caught* fish should be frozen and stored in the home freezer. Fish picks up odors very readily and does not resist freezer burn (freezer burn occurs only when food is not packaged properly). It should never be frozen longer than a couple of weeks if you hope to recover any of the original taste. A good method, if space is not a problem, is to immerse the fresh fish in a container of cold water (a milk carton is ideal) and freeze it embedded in and preserved by the ice.

Another essential point is proper defrosting. Except for stock, soups and the like, defrosting should never be done by having the food go right from the freezer to the kitchen counter. Food should be defrosted slowly under refrigeration to avoid loss of moisture. An alternative and faster method is to place the frozen food in a plastic bag, sealed tightly, and let it sit in a pot of cool water until it is defrosted.

Proper wrapping is paramount in avoiding dehydration and preventing the foods' picking up odors. If you place a roast beef improperly wrapped in an overcrowded freezer, then defrost it in hot water, you will end up with an insipid and dry piece of meat. This has nothing to do with the freezer or the meat; it is your own fault. If the food is too "squeezed," it will not freeze fast enough and may start to spoil before it is completely frozen. If not properly wrapped, it will get freezer burn, and if defrosted too fast, it will be dry and "run," losing moisture.

There's an excellent booklet on freezing published by The New York State College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, called *Handbook for Freezing Foods* by Mable Doremus, professor emeritus, and Ruth Klippstein, professor of nutritional sciences. For your copy of this extremely useful booklet, send 50 cents for each copy in checks or money orders (*do not send stamps*) with your request to: Mailing Room A, 7 Research Park, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 14853. ■



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For table service, you can choose decanters in any style—contemporary or traditional, cut, etched or plain glass—that mixes well with your other tableware. Pay attention, though, to shape and to the lip at the top.

Classic wine decanters have a narrow neck and a sloping shape so the wine being poured will flow gently down the sides. Some square modern designs don't allow this. A gentle flow is not as necessary for the jug wines, but you shouldn't needlessly shake up any wine—and you may also want to use that same decanter for fine wines.

An extremely wide lip, which you may find on reproductions of old styles as well as on decanters of modern form, can make it very difficult to pour any wine without spilling it.

The classic open-top, wide-mouthed server usually called the liter carafe (but available in various sizes) can be attractive for a buffet or patio party or on an informal dinner table. If you also want to use such carafes for storage, you should be able to find large corks to fit, in hardware, housewares or variety stores. (The plastic top from the five-ounce "thrifty pak" of Butterfield potato sticks also happens to fit our liter carafe).

If you're serving white wines, carafes will, of course, let you keep the larger bottle chilling in your refrigerator until your guests are ready for more wine. If you frequently entertain with white wine, you might want one of the two-section cooler-style servers. There are many designs on the market, but all work on the same principle—the wine in an inner container with the outer section filled with ice. They're hardly traditional but ours keeps white wine chilled throughout dinner.

If you're artistically clever, you might also think up some special ways to serve jug wines by decorating clean fifth-size wine bottles or similar containers with masking tape, painted designs, ribbons or even napkins folded petal-style around the bottle. But make sure your bottle dress-up is interesting and harmonizes with your table theme: You want it to have creative impact and not seem as if you're just trying to cover up a low-priced wine.

And although jug wines don't require the delicate handling needed when decanting a fine old wine, it's still best to pour in a tiny amount of wine, swirl that around your decanter and pour it out before you fill the decanter. This will rid the container of any musty or other odors it may have picked up while in storage and instead fill it with the bouquet of the wine. Liter carafes (or any decanters or wine glasses) that go through your dishwasher should be given an extra hand-rinsing with water before they're stored away or used again. Strong dishwasher detergents can leave a slight residue that's imperceptible to the eye but can affect wine.

For a party, you need not decant until you serve the wine, but recap the original bottle immediately if you don't decant all of the wine at once. For everyday drinking, you should transfer all of the wine into smaller containers the first time you open the jug to prevent exposure to air.

You can use clean wine bottles (with new corks), screw-top soft drink bottles or any similar container that can be tightly closed. Always fill the storage bottle right up to the top so there's no air captured inside.

An excellent suggestion from William Edman Massee's *An Insider's Guide to Low-Priced Wines* (Dolphin Books; paperback, $2.95) is to buy half-bottles when you're sampling various wines and to use these for one-dinner-size storage containers for your jug wines.

A half-gallon (64 ounces) will give you enough wine to fill two standard fifth wine bottles with two to three glasses' worth left over. The 1½-liter size many wineries are adapting with the switch to the Metric System will fill two fifth bottles with perhaps a glass left over; a 52-ounce magnum holds the equivalent of two standard wine bottles.

If your transfer bottles are completely filled with wine and tightly closed, you usually can keep reds, whites and rosés in any *constantly cool* place for several weeks without taking up refrigerator space. (*Continued*)



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We've found we are usually safe in estimating an average of two glasses per person to go with a buffet or with the main course at dinner. For a party where the cocktail hour blends into a long buffet period or if you have several courses to serve with one wine at dinner, raise the estimate to three glasses a person. The average may run higher, too, if you have a lot of salty hors d'oeuvres or if your food is especially spicy.

You also should take into account the size of your wine glasses: If you have six- or seven-ounce glasses, that average could run to the higher estimate; with the 10- or 12-ounce stemware, you might find one glass per person sufficient (but buy so you have a little more than that).

Tested with our everyday eight-ounce all-purpose wine glass filled half-full, a half-gallon gives about 13 to 14 servings; a 1½-liter jug has about 11 glasses of wine and a magnum gives a couple of sips more than 10 servings.

When you're planning for a party, you will also want to add to these estimates an adequate amount to cover requests for wine at cocktail time. Most people will drink white wine or apéritifs, but you should also have some red wine available for a large party. Whenever you're in doubt, estimate on the side of generosity.

If you're going to have several carafes on the buffet table or possibly a decorated container of wine at each patio table, you might want to buy by the gallon—or larger sizes. Almadén, for example, sells three-gallon and 4.9 gallon containers of French Colombard and Ruby Cabernet, and other wineries may offer similar sizes.

They are not going to be stocked by many wine shops, so check far in advance to see what your retailer can obtain. And be sure to ask if there is a minimum order before he orders it—you don't want to be stuck with buying six three-gallon containers if you only need two.

Shop for carafe wines with the same caution you use for any wine-shopping—don't buy bottles of any size that are displayed next to a heat or air-conditioning outlet or where the sunlight streams in on them every day. If the bottles have screw tops, upright storage is fine; if they are corked, they should be placed on their sides. Although the jug wines are not as delicate as great wines, they can be damaged by poor storage—and a half-gallon of off-tasting jug wine is just a bigger bottle of injured wine, and still a waste of your money.

At home, store them in a cool place, away from light and vibration. And buy your jug wines at least a few days—if not a week or so—before you plan to open them. You may not have sediment to worry about, but some resting time can't hurt (and might help) any wine recently off a bottling line and the back of a hot, moving truck.

There is an old story that resurfaces every so often. "Do you know," the teller will begin (or sometimes, "Is it true"), "that if you buy Gallo Hearty Burgundy and age it for six months, youll end up with a great wine that doesn't taste like a jug wine at all?"

The story is merely an attempt to glamorize the fact that this person is drinking a jug wine—either for economic reasons or because he really likes the taste of that wine—and feels a little self-conscious about it.

Gallo Hearty Burgundy does not need such faked-up glamorizing. It can stand on its own as a well-made and well-priced blended American wine. Like most jug wines, it is brought to the market when its producer thinks it ready to drink—and it is vinified so that aging will add little character or taste. But the story opens the door to some serious wine talk about jug wines as wines.

Jug wines are designed to fill a specific place in our wine-drinking: to provide drinkable, affordable wines that have been *blended and processed so they can be consumed immediately.*

Certain grapes have always been deemed best for classic wines. Unfortunately, most of these are grapes of low yield and or high susceptibility to the effects of soil and climactic conditions, hence more costly to use. Obviously, vintners are not using their best grapes from best vineyards in jug wines.

Besides using less costly grapes, a vintner can charge less for jug wines because these wines are released soon after processing and do not tie up his inventory as do wines that require space, time and extra handling while they're aging.



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But don't confuse these wines with young wines, for the processing stabilizes those factors that make a grand wine improve with age—and jug wines will not noticeably improve in the bottle. In fact, since they were brought to the market at a point of drinking maturity, most jug whites should be used within a very short period of time.

Most well-made jug wines are competitively priced, so much so that we really feel it unnecessary here to go into prices. Even when you're buying several gallons for a large, large party, the differences from one wine to another of the same type rarely add up to a significant amount.

We would caution you to be wary about unknown brands that might cost considerably less than all others in the store. Some could be on special sale or perhaps a large store's private label and possibly adequate for making wine punch or Sangria. But we'd be dubious that there are many real wine grapes in one we recently saw advertised in the newspaper—from a firm we'd never heard of, the wine selling for four full gallons (red, white or rosé) for $8.49.

The standard guideline on pricing is given in *Alexis Bespaloff's Guide to Inexpensive Wines* (a Fireside Book, Simon and Schuster, $2.95). Traditionally, Bespaloff notes, California *generic* wines have been divided into bulk wines, selling for $1.40 to $1.75 a bottle or $4 to $6 a gallon, and premium wines, selling for $.85 to $2.75 a bottle, $6 to $9 a gallon. With all the changes taking place in the jug wine picture, even that is only a traditional guideline.

That brings us to nomenclature. Generic is the term used for all American blends (from New York, California or other states) that are named after a particular wine region—such as Chablis, Burgundy, Rhine Wine. Supposedly, these names are used because the wine is made to have a style characteristic of that region. Sometimes it's only a very faint counsinship and such blends can vary widely.

For example, at a blind tasting of carafe wines by the *House Beautiful* staff, we asked the participants to pick out which two of the first three whites carried the same name on the label. We even told them that both were labeled Chablis and were from California. Many of the group absolutely refused to guess, feeling that the three were too dissimilar to compare. Of the 25 people, only three correctly thought the Paul Masson Chablis and the Los Hermanos Mountain Chablis had something in common. Others allied the Paul Masson Chablis to Los Hermanos Chenin Blanc as both being softer and more flowery than wine No. 1; others paired the two Los Hermanos wines because they thought both were drier than the Paul Masson.

The Los Hermanos Chenin Blanc is an example of a second category—wines called varietals because they bear the name of the primary grape used in the blend. For years, varietal labeling was used primarily on first-ranked American wines. Now you will also find jug-wine bottlings of Cabernet Sauvignon as well as of such so-called mid-varietals as French Colombard, Ruby Cabernet and Barbara. Delaware, Catawba and Aurora are three you'll frequently find from New York wineries.

By law, any American wine with varietal labeling has to be 51% the named grape. In practice, many of the jug wines carrying the name of fine varietals will be a blend with *only* 51% of it that grape. That still can give you terrific value for the money, but don't expect the varietal character, body or finesse found in a premium varietal.

And don't be put off by the word blend—most wines are blends, even those from the finest châteaux. It is the grapes used, the soil where they are grown and the proportion and kind of other grapes in the mix that distinguish these blends. Most carafe varietals will be sweeter than the classics.

The third category is the proprietaries, those wines given a particular name by the producer. Christian Brothers' Château La Salle, Robert Mondavi's Red Table Wine, Taylor Lake Country Red, Widmer Lake Roselle, Guild Tavola Rosé are examples of some well-known American proprietaries; Rusticano and Segesta, Ecu Royal Claret Reserve, Mirebeau Rouge are some proprietary imports.

Some wineries have taken a commendable step in giving lower-priced wines a proprietary group name. Inglenook, for example, calls its secondary line Navalle; Geyser Peak Winery offers its jug selections under the Summit labeling; Los Hermanos is an entirely subsidiary line produced by Beringer, just as all the Carlos Rossi gallons and half-gallons actually come from Gallo.

By the same token, many wineries try to set apart their best wines—by appellation designation of the vineyard or area where the grapes were grown or by using group names, such as Christian Brothers Brother Timothy's Special Selection line.

You still have to taste the wines to know which you like in either category and to know whether the premium wine is

worth the extra money to you, but at least you know by the price range and group name that the winery considers the group as a whole within a certain range. And you can taste one lower-priced line against another and feel you are choosing among price equals.

Among the American wines, corks can be a clue. It's not a sure-fire guide to anything, because any producer can fancy up a bottle and cork it and charge a little more and still put out a mediocre wine. But the corks can be a tip-off to the fact that a producer considers these his better wines and he wants to give them the dignity of a traditional bottling.

Bottle sizes and bottle names also can be confusing. Some American vintners gulp twice if you say jug wines now. Admittedly, it's an earthy name, but it's an honest name for honest wines, even those of uncertain grape parentage.

Perhaps a new name is needed—say, country wines or carafe wines, which could cover jug varietals as well as generics. But we do think it is pretentious to call a screw-top bottle a magnum or even a metric magnum, as some vintners are calling their 1½-liter jugs. When a vintner calls his best and his most ordinary by the same grape name and tries to change the image of jugs just by calling them magnums, he should not wonder that the consumer might wonder if the premium wine is worth the extra money.

Because this story is concerned with jug wines, we have not gone into party-sized bottlings of fine wines. Many great wines come in magnums, as do many American premium wines —the entire Almadén Special Selection Estate Bottled vintage line, to cite only one example—but these are magnums in the true sense of the word and the wines should be judged on different standards than the jug wines. Likewise, you will find super-sized bottles of such imports as the Bordeaux proprietaries Mouton Cadet and Pontet Latour or the Italian classic, Bolla Soave (newly being shipped in a 1½-liter size), as well as 59- or 60-ounce bottles of familiar Chianti names. All of these we classify as party-sized bottlings of wines we know primarily in standard size. They should fit into your entertaining plans, too, but we've kept the list below to those wines we really think of in relation to other jug wines.

A half-gallon of American Sherry or Port will not taste exactly like the Spanish original but can be a flavorful, economical substitute. Dry Sherries—to serve as apéritifs, with some soups or Sherry-flavored fruit cups—usually are labeled *Dry* or *Cocktail* or just Sherry.

Sweet Sherries—for serving with Sherry-flavored melon or some nutty desserts—usually are labeled *Cream* and sometimes *Golden*. Port, too, could flavor and come to the table with melon, as well as accompany nuts, nutty holiday desserts, creamy pungent cheeses —as could Madeira (there are a few in American jugs).

Rosé rarely has enough character or depth to suit us, but if you like a rosé, drink it. And there are instances when a rosé could be your one-wine choice —for cookouts when you're not sure if your guests would prefer red or white with spicy ribs, with cold luncheons and light meat courses, with simply prepared ham or poultry; with chafing dishes of hot sausages or with quiche or some pastas; with a breakfast hash nested with poached eggs or a buffet table that offers crêpes and lots of fillings. Grenache rosés frequently offer some measure of dryness, as does Great Western Valley Rose.

White wines can vary enormously, in taste, in dryness, in crispness. Lighter or flowery or slightly sweet ones are safe carafe wines for the cocktail hour, luncheon tuna salad or salmon mousse, plain quiche, creamy chicken dishes. Some possibilities here: Georges Bonfils Ugni Blanc, Mirebeau Blanc de Blancs, Taylor Rhine Wine, Gold Seal Chablis Nature, Almadén Mountain White Chablis, Marino Frascati, Christian Brothers Chablis, Charles Krug Chablis, Louis Martini Mountain White or, slightly sweeter, Paul Masson Chablis, Gallo French Colombard, Italian Swiss Colony Rhineskeller Moselle.

If your cocktail fare is tangy, your luncheon dish a strongly dilled salmon or a Vitello Tonnato or your fish a fish with strong flavor, you'll be happier with crisper or fuller whites (which also better suit most light veal and seafood dishes). Consider the Los Hermanos Mountain Chablis and Mountain Riesling, Robert Mondavi White Table Wine, Italian Swiss Colony French Colombard.

If you're serving dark meat or a dish in a red sauce, stick to the old formula—red wine. But that red can go from light to heavy in body, from slightly sweet to very, very dry. With a cocktail buffet spread of sausages and cold cuts, cheeses, crusty breads and fruit, you might well choose an extremely fruity or even slightly sweet red. Reunite Lambrusca, Taylor Lake (*Text continued on page 227*)



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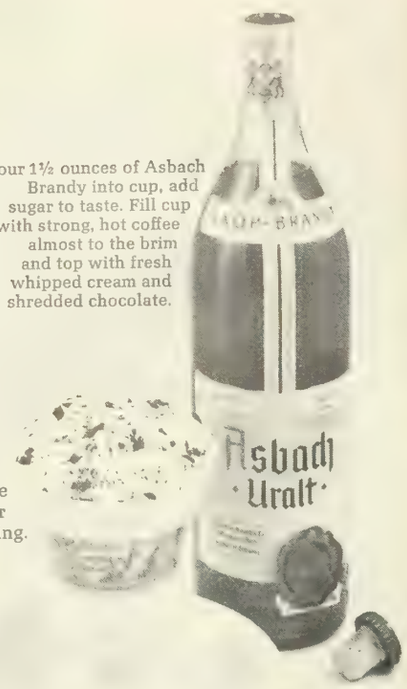
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A DESSERT FIEND'S DREAM: THE PASTRY PRINCIPLE

By LEONARD S. BERNSTEIN

Thirty-five million Americans are passionate about desserts. That is, of all the various courses in a dinner, 35 million enjoy dessert most of all. To determine whether you are among this elite class, take the following test:

1. Do you spend time surveying the dessert tray as you enter a restaurant?

2. Do you always "leave room for dessert?"

3. Do you often wish you could have *two* desserts?

A YES answer to any of these questions indicates that you are mad about desserts and you should certainly read on. Three NO answers means that you should stop right here, because you really do not appreciate the important things in life.

I am, obviously, passionate about desserts. My eye travels through the menu like a locomotive, non-stop, straight to the pies and puddings at the bottom. If there's a dessert tray, I linger over it. Through shrimp cocktail and coq au vin, my mind never ceases to consider which combination of desserts are closest to heaven.

Combination? Of course! A dessert lover can hardly settle for a single napoleon, for a single scoop of chocolate mousse —while leaving the other desserts untried. Combination is the key word, and the key test question was number three. I *always* want two desserts.

Of course, I do not always want to *pay for* the two desserts, especially with chocolate mousse (maybe they add a strawberry) going for $2.50. No—I want the second dessert free, and after many years of serious study, I've now figured out a SYSTEM.

It is true that in some restaurants you don't need this system. In the classy French restaurants of New York, at $30 a head minimum, you can ask for a second dessert and get it free nearly every time, if that's your definition of *free*.

My system proves essential when you're eating cheap—at $20 a head and under. This system is remarkably simple, absolutely flawless and requires only an adventurous spirit. In order to get two desserts for the price of one, you simply tell the waiter that you'd like to try two —a half-portion each.

Surely there's nothing wrong with that. Nothing deceitful, nothing crass and no sleight-of-hand. You're not asking for anything extra, just half of this and half of that. In 20 years, no restaurant has denied such an innocent request

Now comes the system. It is *impossible* for a restaurant to serve only a half-dessert. Oh, yes, I suppose it could be done. I suppose a waiter could attempt to cut that cherry pie so thin that it would be no more than a sliver. But it never happens. The waiter knows that if he tries to cut a thin piece of cherry pie, he ends up with a lot of loose cherries, a messy looking dessert, and maybe not such a nice tip. So the least he gives you is three-quarters of a piece. To this you add a "half" portion of lemon meringue pie and you are on your way.

I don't suppose I have to explain why you order half a portion of lemon meringue pie. If you don't know that much, this system cannot help you. Nevertheless, since you've come this far, I can only suggest that you *try* to cut anything less than a full portion of lemon meringue pie. Impossible.

This brings us to variations on the theme, and you do need a working understanding of desserts. You could, if you married a pumpkin pie to a paper-thin French apple torte, end up with only one dessert. The system demands that you consider which desserts cannot be served in less than a full portion. Most of them cannot. Cherry pie really cannot. Lemon meringue, obviously not. Nor can blueberry, apple, mince or strawberry-rhubarb pie. In short, any pie with a fruit filling cannot be served in a half-portion because the fruit will not stay inside the pie and your waiter ends up serving a pudding. Waiters know from long experience that this is not the way to the diner's heart—or his pocketbook.

Better yet are cream and custard pies. Some restaurants do specialize in the napoleon, which usually rests temptingly on the dessert tray in the form of a long rectangle. It takes a waiter four years at the Culinary Institute just to learn how to cut a full piece. Any try at even a ¾ piece ends in disaster.

What about puddings, trifles and mousses? Perhaps you think they are the exception to the rule. Perhaps you think that it only takes a tablespoon to serve a rice pudding, a lemon mousse or a Zuppa Inglese. Technically, you are not wrong, but it would also require a

waiter without a conscience. Even if he wanted to serve a half-portion of lemon mousse, he would see at once how lonely it looked, even with a half-portion of Zuppa Inglese beside it. No, he figures, these are nice people and I've been working hard through the whole dinner —no sense ruining it all now.

Cakes? Well, it's true that a low-level Sacher Torte can be managed, but never worry about those seven-story chocolate and coconut cakes. They can't be cut thin without toppling and the waiter is too proud of his dessert tray to topple them. Result: a full portion (at worst, three-quarters) each.

Then there are desserts like floating island. A triumph of visual artistry. No waiter would dare serve a half-portion. It would look so meager. No—nothing less than *all* will do.

Finally, there is one more variation on the system. It insures your getting at least two desserts—maybe 2½. It states: If there's only one portion of a dessert left—no matter how large—you must get it all.

They wheel over the dessert tray. You notice that there's only one large piece left of lemon meringue pie or only one large portion of strawberry trifle. And the lemon meringue is already nervously bobbing and weaving. Cut it in half? Of course not. Even if the waiter wanted to try, what would he do with the other half? So you own the lemon meringue and, in fact, the waiter is delighted to serve it to you, thus preventing it from toppling over into your chocolate mousse.

The same rule would hold for the strawberry trifle. The waiter can't leave himself with a half-portion. Firstly, he can't serve it; secondly, it looks inelegant on dessert tray. You get it all.

Easy? It's absolutely simple. And don't for a moment think you are offending the waiter or the captain. Dessert is the one course where the captain can show special attention. After all, what can he do with a shrimp cocktail or coq au vin? The restaurant doesn't "count" desserts; the captain serves what he wishes. And it is getting awfully close to check time. That is not to suggest that the captain or waiter is mercenary. To the contrary. They want you to enjoy the restaurant and to appreciate the service. An extra dessert hardly matters.

Of course, it matters a lot to me and for 20 years I've been using the system. It has never failed, and only once has it been embarrassing. I met my match at The Four Seasons over a piece of chocolate mousse.

It was dessert time and I had been contemplating the tray for about two hours. As it rolled by, back and forth, my eyes followed it like a tennis match. As the last piece of a particularly endearing confection was snatched away by another table, I held my breath until the kitchen sent out a replacement. And all along I kept my eye on a chocolate-fudge-colored cake that appeared to be getting considerable attention from the restaurant's regulars.

There was one large piece of fudge cake remaining on the tray when it was my turn to order dessert. Time for my system.

"I'll have a half-portion of the fudge cake and a half-portion of the nesselrode pie," I said, aware that I would end up with a full portion of each.

The captain considered my request with appropriate reserve. "The chocolate mousse cake is very heavy," he said. "Why don't you have the mousse cake first and I will hold your portion of nesselrode pie? If you still can handle it, it will be there."

("Still can handle it?" I thought. "Who does this guy think he's talking to? I've been handling two desserts since I was seven years old.")

"O.K.," I sneered, "but don't go far away with that nesselrode pie because I can handle it."

The captain bowed once or twice and I charged into the mousse cake. Let me tell you about this chocolate mousse cake—it's solid fudge. And not only that, it is to fudge what lead is to metal. Each piece weighs about nine pounds. I ate three forkfuls. Incredibly delicious, but my digestive system was rebelling.

The captain danced by with the dessert tray, pointing to the nesselrode pie, indicating that he was holding it for me.

I took two more bites. I'd begged my wife to take a bite. We had hardly finished half of it.

The captain walked by again. I could tell by his slight smile that he knew I was done in. I smiled right back and took a particularly large bite so that he would see how well I was doing, but it was a last gasp effort. Even the thought of the nesselrode pie was impossible for me to contemplate.

I surrendered meekly, humiliated, and gave the captain an outrageously large tip to compensate for embarrassment.

I pass along this story so that future system users may profit from my error. One must understand that all great ideas have their excesses and all great innovators suffer occasional defeats. It was not that the system did not work, but the system worked too well. ■



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By CAROL SCHWALBERG □ A party time is one time I could sometimes do without. I admit most guests genuinely want to help. They will good-naturedly mince, slice and dice at the drop of my expensive carving knife—(even more devastating is a hungry guest who whacks at a chunk of cheddar cheese with my heirloom silver steak knife, reducing former antique one-piece handle to a contemporary mess) then just as good naturedly stow paprika in the china closet (not to be discovered by me, of course, until after I've replaced the missing can). And help is questionable, too, when I must interrupt my burbling bouillabaisse to provide first aid for a guest who was unfamiliar with my prize Japanese cleaver.

Unfortunately, the family—supposedly familiar with a kitchen they use daily—rarely does any better on non-company nights when mother falls ill or is too tired to cope. Sons and daughters pressed into service display an ignorance of the kitchen that would be appalling if it were not such perfect acting. Children personally acquainted with canned foods for 10 to 15 years are at a complete loss over the location of the can opener. Or father, the 17-year veteran of marriage (thus of steamed vegetables), on being asked to cook the zucchini in a steamer, sweetly asks, "Honey, what's a steamer?"

Rather than let loose my temper or resort to drink or tranquilizers, I sat in my favorite chair and thought. I believe I have reached a solution for keeping kitchen, family, guests and sanity intact and I've labeled it the "Foolproof Kitchen." A bit extreme, you may think, but sometimes extreme measures are needed to prove a point. The system turns on gummed labels, pen or typewriter or colorful plastic letter strips. The goal is to give total explanation.

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When a drawer contains such arcane items as a garlic press or a French whip, labeling includes small contour drawings to aid the uninitiated in the identification of each device.

Continuing to lead by the eye, each item also bears a label. Thus the husband in search of a vegetable steamer will be led to the pan closet and spy "Steamer, Vegetable" in the alphabetical list on the closet door, sight its location via the contour diagram of the closet contents and then be reassured by the label on the steamer itself, which will also reveal entire concept of steamerness.

Like the better supermarkets, the Foolproof Kitchen will sport a wall-hung directory of foods and cleaners. Hungry child or guest can then raid the refrigerator for cheddar by reading the label giving letter, number, shelf, location and object. Aha! But where is the refrigerator? Just let him peruse the central diagram, indicating locations for all equipment and storage.

Now hungry guest searches for a knife. In the first drawer opened, a warning cries, "Table Silver Only: Not for Preparation of Meals." Eyes scan drawer fronts, and passing over "Dish Cloths" and "Tea Towels," finally rest on "Kitchen Implements." Its list reads "Cheese Knife." And I'm happy as he that he's using the right knife.

For the table-clearing crew, a sign at the sink says, "Food Waste Disposer. This machine disposes of soft foods only. Give it cool water to drink while it is chewing. This machine also has a sensitive stomach. It cannot digest fruit pits, celery, eggshells, seeds or artichokes, aluminum foil or clear plastic wrap, bones, cardboard or kitchen utensils of any kind." (To circumvent the well-meaning friend who scrapes both cake and cake fork into it.)

Labels will explain the eccentricities of other appliances as well. For example: "Electric Range. Also called a stove. The round metal coils are burners. As coils heat, they turn red. Do not expect to see flame. If you see flame, something is amiss. Generally it is called fire. See fire extinguisher diagram immediately to right of range."

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By HELEN McCULLY □ This writer is very proud, indeed, to signal **La Technique** by my friend and *confrére*, Jacques Pépin, as the most significant book of the year. **La Technique, The Fundamental Techniques of Cooking, An Illustrated Guide** (Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., $17.50) is not a recipe book but a thorough-going study of the skills of the kitchen as interpreted by an extraordinarilly talented and skillful French chef. Within the 248 pages, Jacques has catalogued 200 of the most useful culinary techniques and described each one, step-by-step, with more than 1,500 black-and-white photographs. There also are beautiful color photographs of many of the finished dishes. He includes some recipes, of course, but the main thrust of this remarkable book is in explaining the basic techniques. An invaluable book for anyone seriously interested in cooking with class.

The second book of real significance is the **James Beard's New Fish Cookery** (Little, Brown, $9.95), the only worthwhile book, so far as we know, devoted to fish. Beard has now incorporated the now-classic amplified cooking theory developed by Canada's Board of Fisheries, a theory that takes the guesswork out of fish cooking, no matter what kind of fish and regardless of whether you broil, bake, braise, sauté or poach. Americans are prone to overcook fish. With this book in hand, that simply can't happen.

In view of the current food situation, it is not surprising that a large number of this year's books are devoted or related to the "fruits" from the garden. The most impressive and most beautiful is, beyond question, **The Complete Book of Fruits & Vegetables** by Francesco Bianchini and Francesco Corbetta with fantastic paintings in color by the well-known Italian artist Marilena Pistoria (Crown Publishers Inc., $25). Translated from the Italian, it is not a recipe book but, more precisely, an invaluable reference that covers every plant and uses for food. Bianchini is curator of the botanical section of the Civic Museum of Natural History in Verona and Corbetta is a lecturer in botany at the University of Bologna. Anyone mildly interested in fruits and vegetables will want this book.

The Unabridged Vegetable Cookbook by Nika Hazleton (M. Evans & Co., $14.95) is devoted exclusively to fresh vegetables, their history, nutrition and ways of keeping and preserving them and only, we quickly point out, those vegetables available in this country. This encyclopedic guide includes delectable recipes for soups, salads, appetizers and main courses. A valuable book that should be in every kitchen in America.

Too Many Tomatoes, Squash, Beans and Other Good Things, a Cookbook for When Your Garden Explodes written by Lois M. Burrows and Laura G. Myers (Harper & Row, $10) devotes each chapter to a specific vegetable, starting with asparagus and ending with turnips, and each one opens with basic information—growing and harvesting, storing, freezing and cooking—followed by excellent recipes. Book to learn with, cook with, enjoy from cover to cover.

The Garden-to-Table Cookbook, How to Grow Your Own Food and Serve It in Over 300 Savory Ways, a James Beard-Milton Glaser and Berton Wolf book (McGraw-Hill, $15), is in three parts: 1. Growing Your Own; 2. Putting Up Food; 3. Recipes. It's a handsome, very useful book with interesting and excellent recipes from many familiar "faces."

And **Summer Garden-Winter Kitchen (Growing and Cooking the Nourishing Root)** by Geri Harrington (Atheneum, $9.95) covers all the root vegetables from beets to Swiss chard. It's quite clear that Mrs. Harrington loves to garden and loves to cook—the end result is happy gardening and hearty eating.

A Family Harvest written by Jane Moss Snow (Bobbs-Merrill, $10) is described by Jean Hewitt, food editor of *Family Circle*, as a true "charming collection of family anecdotes and honest, farmhouse cookery from the shores of Maryland and the woodlands of Massachusetts." And it is a delicious taste of nostalgia.

Eggplant and Squash, A Versatile Feast by Sheryl London (Atheneum, $12.95) was inspired, the author tells us, by an inundation of eggplant and squash at her Fire Island weekend home. Net: an excellent collection of recipes. Being a squash "fan," as it were, these appeal especially to this writer.

The Green Thumb Preserving Guide by Jean Anderson (Morrow, $12.95) is divided into two parts: 1. Learning; (*Continued*)



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Craig Claiborne's Favorites From The New York Times (Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., $12.50), sequel to Volume 1, published last year, is pure Claiborne with recipes from Bocuse, Luigi Nanni, Alfredo Viazzi, T.T. Wang and Uncle Tai and a host of other top-drawer chefs and cooks. All told, there are 350 recipes from Claiborne's incomparable collection. This is a cookbook to read, to cook with and to enjoy from cover to cover.

Love for Cooking by Uta Hagen (MacMillan, $12.50) is a "first person" book, and therein lies much of its charm. Miss Hagen quite obviously loves cooking and entertaining more, perhaps, than she does acting. Be that as it may, she has turned out an exceptional book filled from cover to cover with sound, basic information plus good, really good, recipes. We agree on many, many things and we quote one that is also our *bête noir:* "I hate it when someone who doesn't know any better leaves the succulent ends (talking about asparagus) on the plate." Amen!

Since this is the Bicentennial Year (who could forget it?), it was logical to anticipate related cookbooks. **Great Home Cooking in America, Heirloom Recipes** by the food editors of *Farm Journal* (Doubleday, $8.95) brings it all together. A melting pot that includes baked beans (for which we can thank the Indians), Red Flannel Hash (a Colonial version of waste not, want not), Corn Chowder (another Indian inspiration), cranberries and turkey. In **The Homesteading Recipe Book** by Patricia Crawford (MacMillan, $8.95), the author leans on her garden, orchard and henhouse. This is really good home cooking by a woman with a pioneer's spirit and a thrifty soul.

Mrs. Restino's Country Kitchen, The Complete Wood Stove Cookbook by Susan Restino (Quick Fox Inc., $7.95) is a cookbook, true—but more, it's a story of a family that went "down," as we "Maritimers" say, to Cape Breton island to return to simplicity and has loved every minute of it. Even if you don't want to cook with a wood stove, you will certainly want to cook with Mrs. Restino.

The Romagnolis' Meatless Cookbook by Margaret and G. France Romagnoli (Atlantic-Little, Brown, $8.95) is not, as the title would indicate, strictly vegetables but rather vegetables, fish and egg recipes. As was true of their first book, **The Romagnolis' Table,** this is an extremely imaginative book that introduces *la cucina di magro* (in rough English, "the thin kitchen"). Aside from that, a study of this book is not unlike attending a cooking school with skilled teachers at the helm.

The Meat Board Meat Book by Barbara Bloch (McGraw-Hill, $9.95 hard-cover; $4.95 paperback) covers every aspect of meat purchase and preparation from supermarket to dinner table to freezer. A meat-eater's Bible, it belongs in every kitchen where meat is eaten. There's an introduction by Julia Child and the book carries the imprimatur of the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

The **Florence Lin's Vegetarian Cookbook** (Hawthorne, $9.95) is a guide to the Chinese way of cooking vegetables, and as anybody who has ever eaten a Chinese meal knows, the Chinese cook vegetables superbly. Mme. Lin's recipes could almost persuade this writer to "turn" vegetarian. Certainly, there are innumerable dishes you can make without knowing precisely how to cook "in Chinese" and many of them could be allied happily with other cuisines. The second Chinese cookbook, **The Classic Chinese Cook Book** by Mai Leung (Harper's Magazine Press, $12.95), is a collection of the best-loved dishes from the Peking, Szechwan, Hunan, Canton, Fukien and Kiangsu cooking traditions. Although the author does not suggest that Chinese cooking can be reduced to the simple basics, her presentation makes the most complex and subtle cooking techniques understandable and possible even for an amateur to practice. The introductions to each chapter are extremely informative.

Mrs. Chiang's Szechwan Cookbook by Ellen Schrecker with John Schrecker (Harper & Row, $12.95) was written by an author who discovered real Chinese cooking in Taiwan with Mme. Chiang, a wonderful cook who had learned some extraordinary lessons in her own mother's kitchen in Szechwan, and from her father, a demanding gourmet. Mme. Chiang, who now lives in New York, lived with and also cooked for the Schreckers on first coming to this country. This book is the happy result—genuine Chinese home-cooking. The book also includes sweet reminiscences from Mme. Chiang's Szechwan days. The last of the Chinese cookbooks, **The Chinese Menu Cookbook** by Joanne Hush and Peter Wong (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, $9.95), (*Continued*)



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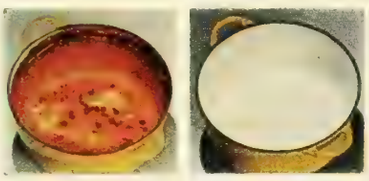


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two teachers. Mrs. Hush teaches Chinese cooking in Wilton and Westport, Conn., and Peter Wong gives cooking demonstrations periodically on Sunday in his Mandarin Inn restaurants in New York. In addition to menus, this book includes a basic course in Chinese cooking. It's an excellent book, we suggest, for anyone interested in learning to cook "in Chinese."

The Complete Book of Japanese Cooking by Elizabeth Lambert Ortiz with Mitsuko Endo (M. Evans, $12.50) is the first major book, to our knowledge, to be published in the U.S. devoted to the Japanese cuisine. Having great respect for our friend Elizabeth Ortiz (whose Mexican and Caribbean cookbooks are classics), a quick study of this book shows clearly that both Mrs. Ortiz and Mme. Endo worked hand-in-glove to turn out an extremely comprehensive and a well-documented cookbook. In addition to recipes and instructions, there is a glossary of Japanese words and a list of U.S. stores selling Japanese ingredients needed.

Leaving Japan, we now pick up in Europe with **The Best of Western European Cooking** by Kay Shaw Nelson (The John Day Co., $7.95), a food columnist on the Washington Post. The recipes in this book are as familiar as your own hand but what makes the book exceptional is the history and lore the author tucks in all through the book. It's not only fascinating but informative.

The Saucier's Apprentice, A Modern Guide to Classic French Sauces for the Home by Raymond Sokolov (Knopf, $10) is the only book we know of that deals exclusively with the French classic sauces. Sokolov sweeps away the mystery and shows the cook how it can be done—step-by-step. An important book for anyone who aspires to cook "in French."

Mediterranean Cooking, written by Paula Wolfert (Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., $12.50), is structured around the aromas and flavors of ingredients of Mediterranean food. Thus, the character of some recipes depends on certain spices, others on garlic and oil, others on olives. Eggplants, tomatoes, peppers and other Mediterranean vegetables are the focus of another section. Still other chapters cover pasta, yogurt, cheese, honey and the final recipe chapter is devoted to using lemons, oranges, figs and dates. This is a book to pleasure you and those who eat at your table.

Next is **When French Women Cook, a Gastronomic Memoir** by Madeleine M. Kamman (Atheneum, $12.95). Aside from the recipes, which are excellent, you will thoroughly enjoy Mrs. Kamman's reminiscenses that open each chapter.

The Fine Art of Italian Cooking by Guiliano Bugialli (Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., $10.95) emphasizes precisely what the title says, the *fine* art of Italian cooking, stressing gourmet cooking (*see page 109 for a menu and recipes from this fascinating book*). In addition, we quickly point out, Bugialli considers specifically the needs of a family for an informal dinner—sauces, breadmaking, desserts, broths, aspics, pastas, herbs and sausages, with clear and precise step-by-step directions.

In **Cooking for One is Fun** by Henry Lewis Creel (Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., $8.95), Creel proves right in the kitchen that you can eat alone and like it. Delectably, too. A cooking cohort of Craig Claiborne and Pierre Franey, he has, with their good will, "adapted their thoughts to cooking for one person." The end result is a long-needed book that any bachelor (male or female) should have in his (or her) kitchen. Introduction is by Craig Claiborne.

Sumptuous Indulgence on a Shoestring by David Yeadon (Hawthorne, $12.50) has extraordinary and amusing illustrations by the author, who says, "My first love is cooking and I make every cent count when cooking." He certainly does. We couldn't find one expensive dish—but we did find dish after delicious dish.

The Taste of Country Cooking from Edna Lewis (Knopf, hard-cover $10 and, paperback $4.95), formerly the cook at New York's Café Nicholson, now a teaching assistant in the African Hall of the American Museum of Natural History, is a charming book. That rare combination of simplicity and sophistication, it is made up of recipes and of reminiscences based on the author's girlhood on a farm in Virginia. M.F.K. Fisher describes it as "fresh and pure," James Beard calls it "a delicately drawn picture of an interesting period when American cooking was a series of family events."

Making Cheese at Home by Susan Ogilvy (Crown Publishers, $5.95) was written by an English woman who clearly knows what she's talking about. She describes how it is possible to make cheese at home without any very complicated equipment. Explaining in detail the techniques for making hard, semi-hard and soft cheese, she



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Cool Entertaining by Irma Rhode (Atheneum, $8.95) is described by James Beard as "a treasure-trove for the hostess who wants to give intimate luncheons, festive dinner parties or big, gala buffets." Craig Claiborne writes, "A fine compendium of recipes to make entertaining look effortless" and, we add, to taste delicious.

The Pleasure of your Company by Diana and Paul von Welanetz (Atheneum, $11.95) is a book of which Tom Margittai, co-patron of the Four Seasons Restaurant, comments, "Diana and Paul reward all sophisticated food lovers by sharing their extraordinary collection of recipes from all over the world. Their comments are delightful and an informative must for the discriminating host or hostess." Just pick up this book and run through it and we wager you'll give a party within 48 hours. **Informal Dinners for Easy Entertaining** by Maria Luisa and Jack Denton Scott (Simon & Schuster, $8.95) is just what you'd expect from the Scotts, a couple this writer enormously respects. A really good book with excellent recipes written so clearly that anyone who can put a pot on a stove can, with this, turn out truly splendid meals.

The Best of the Best by Arthur Hettich (Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., $9.95) is compilation of recipes Hettich (editor of *Family Circle*) has garnered over the years from well-known food writers, grass-roots cooks and some of the very best restaurants in the U.S. In addition to the recipes, which are excellent, Hettich includes delightful and informal introductions about the creators of the recipes. A splendid addition to any cookbook library.

The Six-Minute Soufflé and other Culinary Delights by Carol Cutler (Clarkson N. Potter Inc., $12.95) is a complete guide to time-saving and elegant meals. Mrs. Cutler's well-conceived plan is to eliminate commercial fast foods, with which we are in complete sympathy, and to make good foods *fast* right in your own kitchen. To wit: Fresh Asparagus Soup prepared in 13 minutes; Chocolate Cake in six minutes; Boeuf à la Mode en Geleé in just 35 minutes. Who could ask for more?

The Chef's Dessert Cookbook by Dominique D'Ermo (Atheneum, $12.50), the Lyon-born patron of Dominique's restaurant in Washington, is for dessert-lovers, and that would seem to be every American beyond the cradle age. Dominique opens his book with butter cakes and closes it with low-calorie desserts. In between, you gain as much dessert knowledge and weight as you want.

With microwave cooking now jumping ahead by leaps and bounds, it is not surprising that this newest cooking phenomenon has brought about a number of microwave cookbooks. The largest of them all, page-wise, is **General Electric's Microwave Oven Cookbook,** compiled by Diana Williams Hansen. It is divided into sections, 29 of them all told, and covers everything from a discussion of microwave cooking and TV dinners to recipes for pies to "softening and melting" the microwave way. It's hard to believe anything has been left out. **The Tappan Creative Cookbook for Microwave Ovens and Ranges** by Sylvia Schur (Holt, Rinehart & Winston, hard-cover, $8.95), was reviewed in *House Beautiful's* May, 1976, issue. **The Exciting World of Microwave Cooking** from Litton, compiled by Verna Ludvigson, director of consumer affairs for Litton, (hard-cover, $7.95; paperback, $4.95), includes instructions and wattage levels for one-, two-, three- or four-power ovens, a special section on adapting recipes and, of course, a splendid collection of microwave recipes.

The Book of Coffee & Tea by Joel, David & Karl Schapira, subtitled **A Guide to the Appreciation of Fine Coffees, Teas and Herbal Beverages** (St. Martin's Press, $8.95), is packed with fascinating information: Coffee was first used as a food, not a beverage; coffee comes from 14 countries in the Americas; nine of these in Africa and three in Asia. As for tea, the legends are endless. But we do know it started in the Orient and spread to the Western world. The book has coffee and tea recipes, a catalogue of herbal teas and a national shopping list. Altogether, a remarkable book.

The Chopped, Minced and Ground Meat Cookbook by Ceil Dyer (Arbor House, hard-cover, $9.95; paperback, $3.95) is the perfect answer to the budget-

squeezed housewife. With Ceil Dyer's help you won't have to go to the bank for a loan when you feel like a good meat meal. Although the title would imply that it is a meat book exclusively, it covers poultry and fish as well as meats.

The Dallas Junior League Cookbook is more than a fine cookbook with great recipes. It's an idea book, as well, offering imaginative ideas for gala gatherings, for garden parties, for packaging gifts, for children. In short, it's a gold mine. For each copy *out of state*, send $9.70 (Texas residents send $10.15), in checks or money orders to the Dallas Junior League Cookbook, 5500 Greenville, Suite 803, Dallas 75206.

The Art of Eating in France, Manners and Menus in the Nineteenth Century by Jean-Paul Aron (Harper & Row, $10.95) chronicles the development of French eating habits with wit, erudition and a historian's keen eye for detail. This is a book to keep on your bedside table and enjoy.

Fabulous Feasts, Medieval Cookery and Ceremony written by Madeleine Pelner Cosman (George Braziller, $22.50 prior to Christmas, $25 after) is the result of Dr. Cossman's passion for medieval cookery. Medieval medicine is her profession, but during the course of her research, she became deeply absorbed in the aspects of cooking and dining. "The 15th and 16th centuries were periods of great ostentation," Dr. Cossman's writes, "and the table and kitchen were a splendid method of demonstrating wealth. Wealth was measured both in what one served and how one ate. It was also a time of studied manners." An incredible book this reviewer can't wait to study. About half the book is devoted to recipes translated by Dr. Cossman.

The Bloomingdale's Book of Entertaining by Ariane and Michael Batterberry (Random House, $10) was inspired by a store that someone has written is more than a store—rather, it is an attitude. This book of "Bloomingdale people" contains ideas, suggestions, secrets, menus, a handful of recipes, the *dos* and *don'ts* and concepts in fashionable entertaining. You may know some of the people. Whether you do or not, they take you into their homes and show how they entertain. There's a whale of lot of useful information in this book—also some fun.

The Alice in Wonderland Cookbook, a Culinary Diversion by John Fisher (Clarkson N. Potter Inc., $6.95) is a delicious bit of whimsy. The author, a Lewis Carroll buff, combed *Alice* for all passages related to food, then developed recipes to go along with them. An additional bonus are the incomparable drawings of Sir John Tenniel. Lewis Carroll's The Mad Hatter's Doughnuts, The Cheshire Cat's Cheese Whiskers and Ambidextrous Mushrooms are only a few of the 36 or so recipes. From cover to cover, it proves utterly beguiling.

(See House Beautiful next month for more cookbooks.)

WINEBOOKS: Two needed additions head a list of varied interests

By LINDA B. DOWNS □ Happily, we can start our round-up this year with two greatly needed books that should have a place in every wine library.

Sheldon Wasserman's **The Wines of Italy, a Consumer's Guide** (Stein and Day, $10) is perfectly titled and absolutely on target. Area by area, Wasserman leads us through Italy's diverse wine regions in clear, concise reports, coupled with his own choices from among the thousands of glasses he's sampled here in the U.S. And especially noteworthy is the easy-to-shop-with list format used for the sections on wine-and-food matching and on French-Italian wine equivalents.

Hans Ambrosi's book, **Where the Great German Wines Grow** (Hastings House; $9.95), translated by Gavin Hamilton and Thom Pringle, emphasizes place rather than product. But there's a wealth of information here on the wines (along with sketches of the estates), and it is highly recommended for anyone interested in studying and/or buying Germany's lovely whites.

Less useful but totally delightful is **California Wineries, Volume One—Napa Valley,** a real treat for any coffee table-browser. Nostalgic old photos of Napa's pioneers parade through one half of the book; Sebastian Titus' beautiful pen-and-ink drawings of Napa wineries today grace the other half, along with capsule histories by Michael Topolos and Betty Dopson. In a numbered limited edition of 3,000 for the first printing, it is available at book stores and at wine shops in California at $17.95 each, or by mail. (Write Vintage Image at 1335 Main (*Text continued on page 150*)



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By SUSAN SCHRAUB □ Very soon now, thanks to Congress, American beauty queens will measure 914-610-914, heavyweight boxing champs will weigh in at about 95 and perfect vision will be 6-6. What accounts for the new counting? Metrics.

Last year, the Metric Conversion Act finally became law, the start of a many-faceted program that will guide the United States in gradual, voluntary conversion from the English System of weights and measures to the decimal-based Metric System. **The fact that we're a little late—the last industrialized nation in the world to go metric—has not dampened the government's zeal in launching its campaign.**

The new law provides for the creation of a 17-member Metric Board to devise and carry out "a broad program of planning, coordination and public education." Talk about class size! These 17 "instructors" will be directing the metric education of more than 210 million Americans over the next 10 years.

When they get up to teach, however, they will find that class has started without them. It has, in fact, been going on for years, with the Metric System in common practice in such areas as photographic equipment, prescription drugs, cigarettes (100 millimeters), mechanical tools and skis. And, prompted by American industry, long-time proponents of using metrics, the trend is growing steadily stronger. **At present about 40% of all products on supermarket shelves list both English and metric measurements.** Weathermen routinely quote both Fahrenheit and Celsius temperature readings. Even ad campaigns have caught on: Note Seven-Up's "quart and a liter bit more."

We'll also have to learn to use a thermometer that will register 37 degrees as normal temperature, 40 a raging fever

For the individual American, the prime advantage will be simplification. **Instead of the more than 55 measurement units of the English System, the Metric System has only three basics—meters and grams and liters—from which all else is derived.** Calculations will be less complicated because all multiples are powers of 10. No more pound-and-ounce perplexity. Simply move the decimal point. And, for the comparison shopper in us all, the Metric System will standardize product sizes, making it easier to judge value. At the same time, we will be converting to the Celsius temperature measurements and Centigrade thermometers that use 0° for the freezing point of water and 100° for the boiling point (instead of the 32-212° range on the Fahrenheit scale).

When the change comes, some confusions will be unavoidable. Cooks will have to buy new measuring cups and spoons (some smart manufacturers are already putting out these products with English and Metric measurements on them). **Mothers will need new thermometers and should not panic when they read 37°. That's the normal body temperature on the Centigrade thermometer, while 40° C. is the equivalent of a feverish 104°F.** Businesses will have to reprogram their computers. And motorists will find metrics everywhere they turn: Those whose cars do not have dual-graphic speedometers will have to buy an attachment that will register kilometers per hour; they may miss several exits before they learn to interpret highway distance signs with facility and at gas stations, it will be price per liter—or simply close your eyes and say, "Fill her up."

Understandably, then, to many people, going metric is also a time of trepidation. How to cope with all that figuring? A measure of comfort is offered by Dr. Anton Glaser, associate professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Glaser has written a six-lesson correspondence course, "The Use and Understanding of the Metric System," and a textbook, *Neater by the Meter*, that are not only complete and blissfully non-technical, but manage to inject a note of humor into

he situation, as well. **Some of his guidelines for weathering the changeover include: 'Keep the faith, don't convert,' or, when confronted by a metric measurement, try to avoid mentally converting it to the old system. Think metric instead.** For example, he says, "When buying meat at the supermarket, don't try to figure how many grams in a pound. Look at the meat to see if it is the size you need, then notice the weight—in kilograms. A few tries at this and you'll discover that you need about 100 grams of boneless meat per serving." His is a learning-by-doing method. Professor Glaser's course, including the textbook, is available for 27 (not, it seems, cheaper by

One expert's advice: Don't try to convert; just begin right now to think metric

e meter). For information, rite to the Department of Independent Study by Correspondence, 3 Shields Building, University Park, Pa. 16802.

There is little doubt that for e average person, going met- will be a culture shock—e waking up to a new alpha- or getting paid in yen. Your st grapple with metrics probly took place in the third ade. And now you can't seem recall how many meters to e liter—or was it liters to the ter? It's neither. **Thus, the ational Bureau of Standds suggests that everyone ith the possible exception the nation's third graders) ke time now to bone up.** d it, too, has ways to help. e is the Metric Information (order No. 0303-01347), h conversion card, ruler and ta, $2. Another is "What out Metric?" (No. 0303-191), a booklet that tells all nply and painlessly for $1.10. nd check or money order to: perintendent of Documents, S. Government Printing Of-, Washington, D.C. 20402. Finally, the NBS has established a nationwide speakers eau with expert speakers. oups or organizations desiring speaker should contact the tional Speakers Bureau, tric Information Office, Room 56, Technology Building, Nanal Bureau of Standards, shington, D.C. 20234.

Now, for those who don't w how much they know—for those who think they —the short quiz, at right uld take your measure. ■

A METRIC QUIZ

1. ON THE CELSIUS SCALE, 100° EQUALS
- **a.** the boiling point of water
- **b.** the dew point
- **c.** normal body temperature
- **d.** a mild spring day

2. METERS ARE EQUATED WITH
- **a.** parking violations
- **b.** yards
- **c.** avoirdupois
- **d.** fluid ounces

3. TWO AREAS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE WITH THE METRIC SYSTEM ARE
- **a.** height and weight
- **b.** money and time
- **c.** velocity and electric energy
- **d.** volume and pressure

4. ONE METER EQUALS
- **a.** ¾ mile
- **b.** 20 feet
- **c.** 1.1 yards
- **d.** the square root of e

5. WITH THE METRIC SYSTEM, AN ORDER OF 500 GRAMS OF COFFEE WILL YIELD
- **a.** 2 cups
- **b.** approximately 600 beans, finely ground
- **c.** 1.1 pounds
- **d.** a peck

6. A KILOGRAM IS
- **a.** 1/10 gram
- **b.** 2.2 pounds
- **c.** 5 millimicrons
- **d.** bigger than a breadbox

7. UNDER THE METRIC SYSTEM, A CHILD WHO DRINKS A QUART OF MILK A DAY WILL DRINK
- **a.** less than a liter
- **b.** 2 liters
- **c.** about 60 grams
- **d.** orange juice

8. A CENTIMETER IS
- **a.** a small, multi-legged animal
- **b.** 1/10 meter
- **c.** 100 meters
- **d.** 1/100 meter

9. DRIVING AT 40 KILOMETERS PER HOUR, YOU ARE MOST LIKELY
- **a.** sightseeing on a country road
- **b.** at Bonneville Salt Flats
- **c.** backing up in your driveway
- **d.** on a freeway

10. WITH METRICS, YOUR ONE-CUP MEASURING CUP WILL HOLD
- **a.** 1½ cups
- **b.** 250 milliliters
- **c.** 500 milliliters
- **d.** only imported foods

ANSWERS

1. a, 2. b, 3. b, 4. c, 5. c, 6. b, 7. a, 8. d, 9. a, 10. b



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TAXABLE WOMAN: RULES FOR SUPPORT

By CHARLES E. HOPFL □ When a woman has to support herself and others, determining allowable deductions for dependent support and child care can be some of the most perplexing tax questions she ever will face.

For starters, if a woman is supporting a dependent, she can take a $750 exemption deduction for each such dependent. A dependent is normally a natural, foster or adopted child, stepchild or a child placed with her for legal adoption. Also included are natural, half- and step-brothers and sisters, parents or step-parents, grandparents (but not foster parents), brothers or sisters of your parents, sons or daughters of brothers or sisters, or in-laws. Housekeepers, maids and servants who work for you may never be claimed as dependents.

Support means providing more than half of the dependent's *total support* during the calendar year, so you first must determine the total support furnished by you, by the dependent and by others. Since all support payments are not deductible, the main reason for computing the above is to ascertain who is allowed the dependent's exemption deduction. There are other tests, too: a joint return test (the dependent cannot file a joint return with another), a citizenship test (the dependent normally must be a U.S. citizen), a gross income test (the dependent usually is not allowed to make more than $750 per year), a member-of-household or relationship test.

Support generally includes expenditures logged for providing food, lodging, clothing, education, medical and dental care, recreation, transportation and similar necessities. The following, however, would not be included in support: scholarships, student nurse's room and board furnished to the child, the value of education, room and board provided by an educational institution for a mentally or a physically handicapped child, life insurance premiums, capital expenditures for furniture, appliances or automobile or funeral expenses. When you furnish lodging for a dependent, the support means the fair rental value of the room, apartment or house in which the dependent lives and includes a reasonable allowance for the use of furnishings, heat and other utilities. If the dependent lived in her own home, she is deemed to have contributed to her own support the total fair rental value of her home.

If the dependent received amounts under the G.I. Bill for tuition payments and allowances, had tax-exempt income or used savings and borrowed monies for support, these amounts must be computed in total support. Payments made to others for child care or disabled dependent care may be included as support. On the other hand, payments made to former wives or husbands would not be computed in support and cannot be deducted.

There will be cases where no one person is contributing more than half of the support of a dependent. This could happen when two or more children are helping to support an elderly parent, but no one person's contribution is more than half. In such a case, any one of these who's individually contributed more than 10% of the mutual dependent's support may claim the exemption for the dependent. The others must file a written statement that they will not claim the exemption.

Once dependency is determined, the same rules apply to all other areas requiring dependency. You might deduct medical fees paid for a dependent. You also can get some deductions for person you could claim as a dependent except for the fact that he or she had an annual income greater than $750 or filed a joint return with his wife (or husband), as in the case of a married child. The status must exist at the time the expenses were incurred or paid. Pre-adoption medical expenses, for example, are deductible if the child qualified as your dependent when those expenses were incurred or paid. Expenses or expenditures such as taxes, contributions, interest and most other itemized deductions paid out for dependent would not be deductible by you. They would be treated merely as gifts and would not have any income tax benefits either to the giver or to the recipient.

You may deduct alimony, separate maintenance or similar periodic payments that you are required to make to a spouse or former spouse, but such payments are considered taxable income for the recipient. These rules apply if the payments are required under a decree of divorce or separation or under a written document incident to that decree; if they are paid in discharge of a legal obligation based on the marriage; if paid after the decree, and

if they are periodic payments.

If the payments are being made under a decree for support entered before March 2, 1954, they are not deductible by the person making the payments. Nor are they taxable to the other spouse. If the decree is modified by a court order entered into after March 1, 1954, it is treated as a decree entered after that date. Periodic payments made under an interlocutory decree are alimony. Similarly treated as alimony are periodic payments made under a decree of alimony *pendente lite* (while action is pending on the final decree). Payments made under a divorce of questionable validity (such as a Mexican divorce) are taxable income to the recipient and deductible by the person making the payment. Interestingly, however, a citizen who is a resident of Puerto Rico and employed by the U.S. or by an agency of the U.S. in Puerto Rico may be entitled to deduct payments to a former spouse even though the spouse may exclude the payments from gross income under provisions of Puerto Rican law. In certain community property states, periodic payments that are less than the wife's interest in community income are not deductible by the husband or taxable as alimony to the wife.

You can deduct your spouse's medical and dental expenses if such was legally agreed to. The deduction is considered as alimony and then must be included in the other spouse's income (though deductible as medical expenses).

"Periodical payments" do have to be fixed in amount for an indefinite period or must be payments of an indefinite amount for either a fixed or an indefinite period. They need not be at regular intervals. If the total payment is specified in the decree or agreement, the payments are deemed installment payments. If the period over which the payments are made is specified at 10 years or less, the payments are not deductible and thus not included as income by the other spouse. If the period specified is over 10 years, a small portion may be deductible.

Any payments made to a third party after the spouse's death or payments made but not required by the decree or agreement or any payment made that does not arise out of the marital reationship—such as a repayment of a loan to your spouse, payment made before the decree or agreement or any lump-sum cash or property settlements—are not alimony and are not deductible by the giver. They're considered gifts.

On the other hand, if a woman is the sole owner of her residence and her husband agrees to pay the real estate taxes, mortgage payments and insurance premiums on it, he may deduct these payments as alimony. If the woman itemizes her deductions on her tax return, she can deduct the portion each payment represents in taxes and interest on the mortgage. If a husband is the sole owner of the residence occupied rent-free by the wife or former wife, he may not deduct the mortgage payments as alimony. Utility payments on the residence, however, are treated as periodic payments and deductible as alimony.

Important to remember is that child-support payments for minor children are not a deductible item and are not taxable considered income to the other spouse. If the decree or agreement does not specify an amount as child support, the entire payment is alimony and is deductible. If both alimony and support payments are required by the decree or agreement and less is paid than the amount required, the payments apply first to child support and then to alimony. Child-support payments are counted in determining who is entitled to the dependency deduction.

Another form of support deduction is for expenses for employment-related household services, child care, disabled dependent care and for disabled spouse care. A woman may deduct her payments for such services as an itemized deduction if her adjusted gross income is less than $27,600. If her adjusted gross income is $18,000 or less, she may deduct the maximum amount of $400 per month. If her income is between $18,000 and $27,600, the maximum deduction is reduced proportionately. If income is over $27,600, the deduction is not available.

To qualify for deduction, one must have been gainfully employed during the period the expenses were incurred and must have maintained a household that included one or more qualifying individuals; the expenses must have been incurred to enable one to be gainfully employed, and the payments for the services must have been to other than relatives (except cousins) or dependent members of one's household. If a woman is married and living with her husband, both must have been gainfully employed substantially full-time (unless one was disabled) and must file a joint return. If not married, obviously only she has to be gainfully



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To deduct employment-related expenses, a woman (together with her husband, if married) must furnish more than half the cost of maintaining a home that is her principal residence as well as the principal residence of a qualified individual. If married, she and her husband must live together.

Employment-related expenses must be for the care of one or more members of the household who are qualifying individuals. Such an individual is one's dependent under the age of 15 for whom one is entitled to a personal exemption, one's dependent (or a person one could claim as a dependent, if it were not for the gross-income test) who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care, or one's spouse who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care. Physical or mental incapacity, for purposes of the deduction, must be disabling.

Only employment-related expenses qualify for a deduction. Expenses must have been incurred for the primary purpose of assuring the well-being and protection of a qualifying individual and are considered to be employment-related if they were incurred to enable a woman and her spouse, if married, to be employed. Payments made to relatives or dependent household members, except cousins, may not be included.

Following items may be included as employment-related expenses: household expenses, child-care expenses, disabled-dependent-care expenses and disabled-spouse-care expenses. The employer's share of FICA tax paid in connection with deductible wages paid for those services are deductible. Household expenses paid for ordinary and usual household services performed in and about the home and necessary to the operation of one's home may be deducted if they were incurred for the well-being and protection of one or more qualifying individuals. The services of a housekeeper, maid or cook will ordinarily be considered as necessary to the operation of the household. Payment for services of a chauffeur or gardener could not normally be included. In instances of dual capacity, where some portion represents services in the home and the remainder is for other than household services, the expenses must be apportioned.

Child-care expenses are not confined to services performed within one's household. Expenses for nursery school or day care for preschool children may be included if paid to enable one to be gainfully employed. Other benefits pertaining to the care, such as food, education, etc., are not child-care expenses per se, but if a payment covers incidental benefits that are inseparably a part of the care, the entire cost will ordinarily be considered as being for child care. However, benefits will not be considered as inseparable if the expenses include education at first-grade level or higher. These expenses must be apportioned between the cost of care and the cost of education. Transportation costs for the child between one's household and the care location are not deductible as child-care expenses. While the maximum deductions allowable for employment-related expenses for any calendar month generally is $400, the deduction of expenses for the care of one's dependents under the age of 15, if performed outside one's household, is limited for each month to $200 for one dependent, $300 for two dependents and $400 for three or more dependents. In either case, when one has a regular vacation period, the deduction still applies.

An example of how a child-care deduction works would be a widow with an income of $18,000 maintaining a household for herself and a preschool child. She is gainfully employed full-time and she itemizes deductions. Each month, she has household expenses of $175 within her home and $300 of child-care expenses at a nursery school. Her monthly deduction is $375, or $175 for household expenses and $200 for child care outside the home (where the limitation applies).

Disabled-dependent-care expenses must be reduced by dependent's adjusted gross income and disability payments. And in the case of a disabled spouse, care payments are reduced by the amount of the disability payments received. In both cases, the $18,000 income and $400 maximum monthly deduction limitations do apply. Some disabled-dependent-care expenses might qualify as medical expenses. One can then deduct amounts not allowable under the monthly maximum as medical expenses. ■

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23. THINGS YOU MAY NEVER HAVE THOUGHT OF DOING WITH WINDOWS. "Window Magic" from Levolor Lorentzen has ideas galore for decorating with Riviera blinds and a special section on measuring, laminating, painting, etc. **Levolor Lorentzen Inc. 50¢**

24. "INDOOR WORLD." Colorful new decorating idea magazine from Armstrong has 64 pages of inspiring room scenes and how-to-do-it information. Informative articles discuss such ideas as creating a custom floor design and do-it-yourself ideas for basements. **Armstrong Cork Co. $1.50**

25. "DECORATING IDEAS WITH CERAMIC TILE." A 16-page color brochure features new products, colors and applications of ceramic tile for kitchens, baths, dining areas and family rooms. Remodeling ideas and color schemes are also described. **American Olean Tile Co. 25¢**

26. "BEAUTIFUL ROOMS MADE EASY BY NETTLE CREEK." Whether it's a custom-made item or right off the shelf, if it comes from Nettle Creek, it's exquisite. This 64-page book has ideas and techniques for decorating with fabrics, pillows, upholstered headboards, boudoir chairs and accessories. **Nettle Creek. $1**

DECORATIVE ACCESSORIES

27. LANDMARK STATUS. Samuel Cabot's fine wood stains have covered important houses for years and now Cabot's had these houses sketched by Artist Charles Overly. Paul Revere House, Old North Church, Boston State House are included in portfolio of 11 by 15-inch frameable prints. **Samuel Cabot Inc. $4.50**

28. "THE OPULENT ACCESSORY —MIRRORS." This 20-page booklet is filled with ideas for solving problems and fashioning gracious rooms around decorative mirrors. See how easily mirrors fit into every part of your house. **House Beautiful. 50¢**

29. FLOWERS SO REAL, THEY'RE UNREAL. There are 50 different kinds of washable Magicsilk flowers—enough to fill your house with beauty that will never fade. This eight-page color booklet shows the different species in all their glory. **Magicsilk. 25¢**

30. TOMORROW'S ANTIQUE CLOCKS. Howard Miller Clock Co. brochure shows antique clock reproductions of chiming wall clocks, mantel clocks and grandfather clocks from $20 to $2,200. A handsome investment. **Howard Miller Clock Co. Free**

31. ACCENT ON THE CURIO. Jasper Cabinet's 56-page accent furniture book shows gun cabinets and other display cabinets for your "collectibles." There are many different styles and fine finishes to complement whatever objects you collect. **Jasper Cabinet Co. $1**

32. BEAUTIFUL LAMPS ENHANCE YOUR DECOR—DAY OR NIGHT! A selection of the latest stylings from Rembrandt Lamps is shown in an eight-page color booklet. There are 45 designs to complement any room setting. **Rembrandt Lamps. 50¢**

33. "A WORLD OF ORIGINAL METAL SCULPTURE BY ARTISAN HOUSE." New color brochure shows many original wall sculptures detailed in the richness of bronze, brass and copper with antiqued finishes. **Artisan House. Free**

34. VERTICAL IMAGINATION. LouverDrape has 32 pages of it. Various types of louvers are de-

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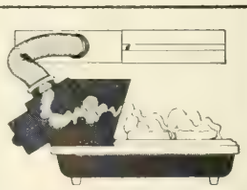
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scribed, along with color photographs that show the how-to of enhancing any room. Do-it-yourself section shows method used to apply wallpaper and fabric to vertical blind louvers. **Louver-Drape Inc. $1**

35. "THE ART GLASS STORY." Charming brochure offers a lively biography of this family-run company—and presents handsome color photographs of art glass from yesterday and today. Written by Alan Linn, it is a history of the glass-making craft and of this prestigious company. **Fenton Art Glass. $2**

36. IDEA BOOKLET FOR FIREPLACE OWNERS. This 16-page color booklet has a large selection of quality mesh and glass-front firescreens and accessories available in 26 metal finishes, plus tips for choosing the correct screen to suit the size and shape of your fireplace. **Portland Willamette Co. 25¢**

37. PICK A MIRROR FROM THE WORLD'S LARGEST MANUFACTURER. Carolina Mirror offers a 36-page color catalogue with mirrors of every style and size in attractive room settings, including full line of decorative framed mirrors. **Carolina Mirror Corp. $1.50**

38. CLASSIC LAMPS AND DECORATIVE FURNITURE ACCESSORIES. You'll find many design ideas illustrated in booklet of good-looking lamps in English, French, American Colonial and Empire styles. **Stiffel. 50¢**

39. PROGRESS LIGHTING IDEAS. Looking for traditional, Mediteranean, Early American, contemporary lights—or perhaps your personal blend? This 160-page book has ideas for putting light where it's needed—with style. **Progress Lighting Fixtures. $1**

40. HAVE A METROPOLITAN CHRISTMAS. New 116-page catalogue has luxe reproductions of ancient jewelry in gold and silver, Oriental and European porcelain, Early American glass in crystal and rare colors, bronze from Egypt, Greece, China and the medieval world and silver, pewter, brass and pottery from Colonial America. **The Metropolitan Museum of Art. $1**

FOOD & GOOD SPIRITS

41. THE UPDATE & THE LOW-DOWN . . . from House Beautiful. New wine and spirits book has 16 pages brimming with more than 100 of today's best wine and Champagne buys—from $2 to $10, from foreign and American vineyards. Also includes cordial ideas and punches for every season. **House Beautiful. $1**

42. LOVELY TO LOOK AT—BETTER TO EAT. Nearly everything that comes from Harry & David is eminently edible—but some items are just beautiful to behold and keep. Booklet shows all the gift items in color, from the giant ember-red amaryllis to the company's renowned Royal Riviera Pears. **Harry & David. Free**

43. "THE GOLD STANDARD." If you're not sure what to make of Liquore Galliano, send for this recipe book. It not only will show you how to prepare more than 65 fabulous dishes, drinks and desserts, it will show you how to turn them all into gold. **Liquore Galliano. Free**

44. A CRUST OF BREAD, A JUG OF WINE . . . Almadén's new "Jug Wine Party Book" suggests the right menus and wines to go with your crust. Includes 16 recipes—from a refreshing Blonde Sangria to tasty Burgundy Burgers. **Almadén Vineyards. Free**

45. "YOUR AMARETTO DI SARONNO GOURMET SECRETS." Beautiful 26-page booklet has a mouth-watering collection of unusual recipes using Amaretto di Saronno, the Italian liqueur with almond-hinting taste. **Foreign Vintages Inc. 25¢**

46. "GEMS FROM SOUTHERN GARDENS." Some of the heartiest meals America boasts were first served on Southern tables. This eight-page booklet has French/Creole dishes like Turkey in the Straw and Lamb Shanks Plantation Style. **Frozen Southern Vegetable Council. Free**

47. "THE GREAT WITH'S." There are 42 different kinds of Leroux liqueurs to make into literally hundreds of recipes and drinks. And each one is tastier and more unusual than the one before. This 18-page folder lists food and drink recipes for each type, plus party planning tips. **General Wine & Spirits Co. Free**

48. GOURMET PRESERVES. For 88 years, G.B. Raffetto has been preserving brandied fruits and specialties such as Marrons, Nesselro and Chutnut—and now there's a new cookbook with shortcuts to classic cookery. **G. B. Raffetto. 50¢**

FINE JEWELRY & FASHIONS

49. TIFFANY'S NEW CATALOGUE is ready with 180 color pages—from designers Cummings, Peretti, Schlumberger and Lauren, showing their exciting new jewelry creations, watches, silver, china, crystal, stationery and clocks. **Tiffany & Co. $2**

50. INCOME OPPORTUNITY. You can become a Doncaster or Young Traditions Fashion Consultant, showing the exclusive Doncaster line of dresses, suits and coats—or sportswear by Young Traditions—in snappy styles ranging from $80 to $250. **Doncaster/Young Traditions. Free**

51. JEWELRY OF GOLD AND DIAMONDS, as well as extraordinary gifts, are displayed against the background of fine rooms and antiques. From one of Philadelphia's most splendid jewelry stores, a catalogue to delight the

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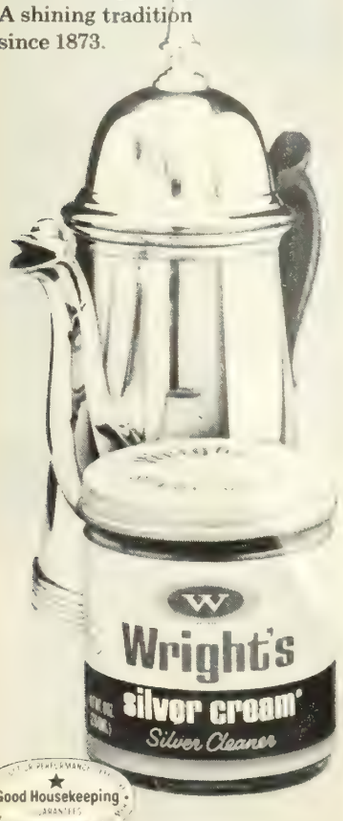
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eye and boggle the mind. **Bailey Banks & Biddle. $2**

FURNITURE

52. A GRANDFATHER OF YOUR VERY OWN. Ridgeway's grandfather floor clocks are a handsome, dignified link with the past—and a sound investment for the future. New brochure shows entire collection in full color in a range of room settings. Dealer list, too. **Ridgeway Clocks,** division of **Gravely Furniture. Free**

53. DON'T SIT UNDER THE APPLE TREE WITH ANYTHING ELSE BUT BROWN JORDAN. In fact, Brown Jordan outdoor furniture is so beautifully designed, it easily makes the transition from patio to parlor. Fat, 62-page catalogue shows complete line of cast and tubular aluminum furnishings—all with smashing good looks. **Brown Jordan. $2**

54. TABLES THAT TURN HEADS. From Gordon's, this handsome portfolio illustrates the complete line of tables and cabinets in French, Mediterranean, Italian and Modern styles in a choice of woods and finishes. All have that little extra bit of élan that makes them special. **Gordon's Inc. $1**

55. CHIMING GRANDFATHER & GRANDMOTHER CLOCKS. From America's oldest maker, Herschede Hall Clock's new brochure has lots of pictures and detailed information about the features of the clocks. Retail prices included. **Herschede Hall Clock Co. 50¢**

56. WOODARD IS WROUGHT-IRON—the kind that is gracefully at home in any setting, indoors or out. New 28-page color catalogue shows all 12 of the firm's furniture lines, has a planning kit with floor grid, furniture cutouts and color samples. **Lee L. Woodard Sons Inc. $3**

57. "FURNITURE DESIGNED FOR GRACIOUS LIVING." This 44-page brochure contains many lovely photographs of bedroom and dining furniture, breakfronts, cabinets and occasional pieces to give you ideas for every room. **Union National Inc. $1.50**

58. "GETTING BEAUTY AND VALUE FOR YOUR DECORATING DOLLARS." These 96 pages include decorating ideas, shopping tips, good information on care and use of furnishings. Lavishly illustrated book also has a history of furniture design and a useful decorating glossary. **Ethan Allen. 50¢**

59. LIBRARY OF 18TH-CENTURY ENGLISH AND AMERICAN DESIGNS. A 180-page catalogue illustrates timeless Kittinger furniture, including Williamsburg reproductions and the new "Federal" group, the "Historic Newport" styles and a dictionary of furniture design, plus executive office furniture. **Kittinger Co. $6**

60. "BEAUTIFUL DECORATING IDEAS." Harden's new 160-page catalogue illustrates its range of traditional furniture styles in solid cherry and upholstered furniture and includes living room, dining, family room and bedroom pieces. **Harden Furniture Co. $3**

61. THE FURNITURE FITTER. This unique catalogue is really a ready-to-cut-out collection of 41 of American Drew's most popular Early American and traditional furniture designs. They're all in color and scaled down in size to help you decide which pieces would look the best in your home. **American Drew Inc. $2**

62. DECORATING GUIDE. A 48-page color brochure displays the complete "Tiara II" collection of bedroom and dining furniture in ageless, classic styling that mixes with all decorating schemes. The collection is illustrated in room settings with many professional tips. **White of Mebane. 50¢**

63. THE PIONEER TREASURY. Lovely booklet of Early American designs shows dining and occasional furniture in an open-stock collection that allows you to add new pieces at any time. Dimensions for each piece are included. **Temple-Stuart Co. 25¢**

64. THE RAGE FOR RATTAN. It's at the center of the natural style of decorating. Deutsch makes rattan and wicker that perfectly fit living 1976-style and this 76-page catalogue has all the latest designs. **Deutsch Inc. $2**

65. THE CLASSICS. Drexel offers a packet of booklets on French, English, Italian, American traditional and contemporary furniture. Each is a guide for selecting bedroom, dining room and occasional pieces. Professional-type room-planning kit is included. **Drexel Furniture. $1**

66. THE BICENTENNIAL COLLECTOR'S BOOK features 288 color pages of decorating ideas in traditional American styles. There are informative articles by six noted editors, illustrated with photographs of historic American homes, plus a compendium of traditional American furniture. **Pennsylvania House. $7.50**

67. FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD. Henredon's "Folio Twelve" collection of country furniture in the English style lets you live in the informal mode of manor houses of 17th- and 18th-century England and Colonial America. Dining, bedroom and occasional pieces are included in the collection. **Henredon Furniture Industries Inc. $1**

68. "FOUNDERS' GUIDE TO MODERN DECORATING." Written by three home furnishings editors, this has 128 fully illustrated black-and-white and color pages to help you plan your decorating with modern furniture. **Thomasville Furniture Industries. $2**

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69. PRIMER OF EARLY AMERICAN HOME DECORATING. From Tell City, this 140-page hardcover book includes a handy room-planning kit along with the "Young Republic" line of rock maple living, dining and bedroom furniture and more than 200 handsome lamps and accessories. **Tell City Chair Co. $3**

70. LIVE IN THE STYLE OF THE RIVER PLANTATIONS. Fine 18th-century furniture reproductions from Hickory Chair offer more than 150 styles, including the "James River" collection inspired by heirlooms from historical plantation homes of Virginia. A beautifully illustrated catalogue. **Hickory Chair Co. $3**

71. THOUGHTS FROM THE FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE. Baker's 33-page brochure features its complete collection of Country French furniture for bedroom, dining room and living room for the discriminating person who enjoys casual living in the Provincial style. **Baker Furniture Co. $3**

72. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH RATTAN AND RAWHIDE. Handsomely illustrated booklet shows many special moods you can create with classic rattan-and-rawhide furniture in traditional, modern or Oriental stylings. **The McGuire Co. 50¢**

73. "THE HOMEMAKER'S GUIDE CAN HELP YOU DESIGN A BETTER HOME." More than 200 pages of room planning and color coordination information give you the kind of professional advice anyone ought to have before buying furniture or starting to decorate a house. **Thomasville Furniture Industries. $3**

74. CLASSIC CREATIONS abound in National/Mt. Airy's furniture catalogue, showing well-crafted furnishings using the finest materials and the most costly ingredient of them all—time—to make desks, curio cabinets, occasional and other furniture. Decorating and planning aids included. **Bassett Industries. $1**

GARDENING

75. ADD ON A SOLAR ROOM. It's a sun-heated, glass-enclosed room or greenhouse that you can build—or have built for moderate cost. The 24-page Lord & Burnham color catalogue also features lean-tos and window units that expand a kitchen and "even-spans" that create larger additions. **Lord & Burnham. 50¢**

76. GIFTS OF NATURE. Jackson & Perkins, a firm that knows more than a little about pleasing people's senses, has a Christmas gift catalogue that's filled with colorful, grand ideas and lots of gift possibilities. Everything from Christmas crocus to eager-to-bloom azaleas and show-stopping Christmas amaryllis is included. **Jackson & Perkins. Free**

HOME ENTERTAINMENT

77. SERVE A GRASSHOPPER FOR DESSERT. Or maybe a Brandy Alexander Cream Puff. There are more than 20 lush, sensual desserts outlined here, all using Heublein's smooth, rich Brandy Alexander and Grasshopper bottled cocktails. The photographs are gorgeous, the recipes easy to follow. **Heublein. 25¢**

78. THE ENTERTAINERS. Stereos from Magnavox give you superb listening performance—and fit beautifully into your decorating scheme. A wide selection of styles and finishes is shown in color booklet. **Magnavox. Free**

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

79. HUMIDIFICATION FACTS. Homes with any type of heating system can be humidified automatically. Research Products' new booklet tells how, discusses relative house humidity and lists points to remember when shopping for a humidifier. **Research Products Corp. Free**

80. "PERFECT CLIMATE STARTS HERE." This 16-page booklet discusses heating, humidity, air-conditioning control and clean air, plus centralized control of your indoor environment with the Honeywell "Comfort Control Center." **Honeywell Inc. Free**

KITCHEN PLANNING, EQUIPMENT & ACCESSORIES

81. MAJOR APPLIANCE BUYER'S GUIDE discusses electric ranges, washers and dryers, dishwashers, compactors, disposers, refrigerators, freezers and room air conditioners with tips on styles, sizes, estimated operating costs. **General Electric. Free**

82. CABINET PICTUREBOOK. There are 98 color photographs of Wood-Mode cabinets shown in their most natural environments—kitchens, family rooms and baths—plus planning, decorating ideas. **Wood-Mode Cabinetry. $1**

83. CAN A REFRIGERATOR BE ELEGANT? It can, if it's a Sub-Zero. Color folder presents a selection of built-in refrigerators and freezers with side and door panels in materials to fit many decors. Larger models are shown in actual installations with full specifications given. **Sub-Zero. 25¢**

84. "LITTON IS FIRST IN LINE." Detailed brochure shows Litton's line of microwave ovens and ranges, including the Minute-master-®countertop models with Vari-Cook® oven control and Vari-Temp® food temperature control and the work-saving Micromatic double-oven ranges. **Litton Microwave Cooking. Free**

85. PLAN YOUR KITCHEN LIKE A PRO with Kitchen Kompact's new 36-page book. Its 24 sections cover every question you could think of, and some you can't. And there are even scaled grid sheets for you to work on. **Kitchen Kompact Inc. $2**

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Oriental Bamboo Mirror by Virginia, $115*

The simple addition of an Oriental-style mirror can give your room that extra touch of exotic fascination it needs. This geometrically designed frame is made of bamboo covered with white or gold lacquer. Overall frame size is 30″ x 48″.

A quality mirror adds beauty to a room. Look for the blue and red High-Fidelity® label. It assures you of getting a mirror made of PPG's finest float glass, the standard of quality in mirrors.

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86. "HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN KITCHEN" is a 48-page book of memorabilia and historical facts about kitchens from the Colonial period to today. It's fascinating reading and a good source of ideas if you're planning or decorating a kitchen. **Wood-Mode Cabinetry. $1**

87. "THE CARVING KNIFE THAT'S A LEGEND IN ITS OWN TIME." The Gerber "Legendary Blades" are an excellent gift for anyone who loves to entertain well. A 12-page color booklet gives a complete rundown on the firm's entire line. **Gerber Legendary Blades. Free**

88. "CABINETS MADE THE WAY THEY WERE MADE IN 1776." Many of Quaker Maid's cabinets for kitchen, bath and den are hand-sanded, hand-stained, hand-rubbed. The booklet is in color, the cabinets are custom, the finishes, hardware and accessories this company uses are all of fine quality. **Quaker Maid. $1.50**

89. KITCHEN PLANNING KIT. This includes a 16-page color booklet of ideas for creative kitchen planning, color literature showing installations with cabinet specifications and work sheets to use for your own planning. Vanity and bathroom arrangements are also covered, along with ways to use cabinets effectively throughout the entire house. **Long-Bell Division, International Paper Co. $2**

90. SMOOTH-TOP COOKING FROM THE PEOPLE WHO INVENTED IT. Corning's big 20-page brochure describes the easy-clean and cooking benefits of its new "3 plus 1" smooth-top appliances. Free-standing, drop-in and slip-in ranges, built-in cooktops and wall ovens are shown in color. **Corning Glass Works. 50¢**

91. INTRODUCE YOUR FAMILY TO THERMADOR'S FAMILY. New 16-page color catalogue gives descriptive information and specifications for all Thermador microwave and other ovens, cooktops and hood ventilators. **Thermador. 25¢**

92. MOVE INTO THE SIZZLING WORLD OF CHAR-GLO. Package tells how you can enjoy the taste of food cooked outdoors when it's cooked indoors with Char-Glo. Packet also has booklets describing both Waste King dishwashers and garbage disposals. **Waste King. Free**

CARPETS & OTHER FLOORCOVERINGS

93. WAIT 'TIL YOU SEE WHAT A HANDMADE INDIAN CARPET CAN DO FOR YOUR FLOOR. Magnificent carpet designs are shown in full color, along with decorating ideas that prove you can use these stunning masterpieces with any decorating style. **Pande Cameron & Co. $2**

94. FOCUS ON FLOORS. Congoleum's 1976 consumer guide to resilient flooring has 16 pages of facts on flooring construction and care, decorating ideas for kitchens, family rooms, children's rooms, halls. There are do-it-yourself tips plus answers to other frequently asked questions. **Congoleum. 50¢**

95. HARDWOOD FLOOR IDEAS. A 16-page color booklet describes every available type, including patterns like random-width flooring, block patterns, pegged floors and a selection of plank and do-it-yourself parquet floors to glue onto concrete. **E. L. Bruce Co. 75¢**

96. TIPS FOR SELECTING CARPETING. Choosing the right carpet and knowing the right way to maintain it are detailed in this booklet, including information on spot-removal and cleaning carpets with soil-release problems. **Argo & Co. 25¢**

97. "THERE'S NO TILE LIKE CERAMIC TILE." Florida Tile's informative booklet has ideas for using tile in every room of your house, plus data on tile types, sizes, glaze colors, surface textures and a list of showrooms. **Florida Tile. 25¢**

98. AIDS TO CARPET CARE. This booklet gets down to the real nitty-gritty: the proper way to vacuum, the professional cleaner, in-plant cleaning, shedding, sprouts, static electricity, carpet beetles and moths, spot removal. **Patcraft Mills. 25¢**

99. RUGS INSPIRED BY "THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING." From Couristan, this brochure has 12 colorful Kafirimar Oriental-design rugs, magnificently loomed in an Old World manner, plus a guide for selecting a color-coordinated Oriental-design area rug. **Couristan Inc. 50¢**

100. NO-WAX FLOOR PATTERNS. This appropriately named "Colorful Floor Shows" brochure has many decorating hints for the kitchen, bath and family room. **Mannington Mills Inc. Free**

101. EVERYTHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT CARPETS. Bigelow-Sanford is one of America's oldest carpet mills, so there isn't a question you could have that this firm hasn't answered in the 23-page booklet. **Bigelow-Sanford Inc. 25¢**

102. THE EXCITING AMERICANS! Booklet shows selections of handsomely crafted chairs, sofas, sleep sofas, recliners, rockers and tables from four collections, including "Boone Trail," "Royal Manor," "Colonial Early American" and "Tradition." **Maxwell Royal Chair Co. 50¢**

103. KENTILE'S FASHIONS IN FLOORING. Nearly 50 different styles of resilient tile are shown here, in solid vinyl, vinyl asbestos, asphalt and "Touch-Down"

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self-adhering tile—all lovely and appropriate for any room in your home. **Kentile Floors Inc. 50¢**

104. HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR VINYL FLOOR. Every problem you could ever have is covered in this neat little booklet, along with details on the Congoleum warranty. **Congoleum Corp. 50¢**

WALLCOVERINGS

105. TAKE THE SCENIC ROUTE with Van Luit's spectacular new scenic wallcoverings collection. A 16-page color brochure shows 13 sectional wallcovering designs in 64 color combinations and idea-provoking rooms. **Van Luit Wallcoverings. 50¢**

SILVER, CHINA & CRYSTAL

106. IT'S AMERICAN, BUT IT'S INTERNATIONAL. Sterling, silverplate and pewter are shown in this color catalogue of jewelry, fine dining accessories, serving pieces, along with special Christmas selections and Royal Doulton china and limited editions for the collector in your family. **International Silver. 50¢** (refundable with first order)

107. WHO CAN RESIST AN IRISH BEAUTY? Booklet presents many beautiful items in 11 different crystal patterns—and all of this firm's delightful and useful giftware. **Galway Irish Crystal. Free**

108. IF YOUR TABLE COULD STAND A LITTLE VERSATILITY, WMF Fraser's stainless flatware portfolio can help. It features 15 styles, along with lots of tabletop ideas. **WMF Fraser. Free**

109. CRYSTAL STEMWARE AND BARWARE BY ORREFORS. A 28-page booklet shows this Swedish firm's designs and also gives details on the centuries-old art of glassmaking. Information on the care of fine crystal also included. **Fisher Bruce & Co. 25¢**

110. "TREASURE THE GREAT AMERICAN CHINA—LENOX." This beautiful-to-look-at color booklet outlines the firm's many sought-after china, crystal and accessories patterns, with prices and helpful pattern coordination information included. **Lenox. Free**

111. "BEAUTY IS GLASS FROM VIKING" This booklet has 42 pages of pictures and text to tell you how Viking's "treasured American glass" is produced. It's a lovely introduction to the craft of glass-making and the firm. **Viking Glass Co. 75¢**

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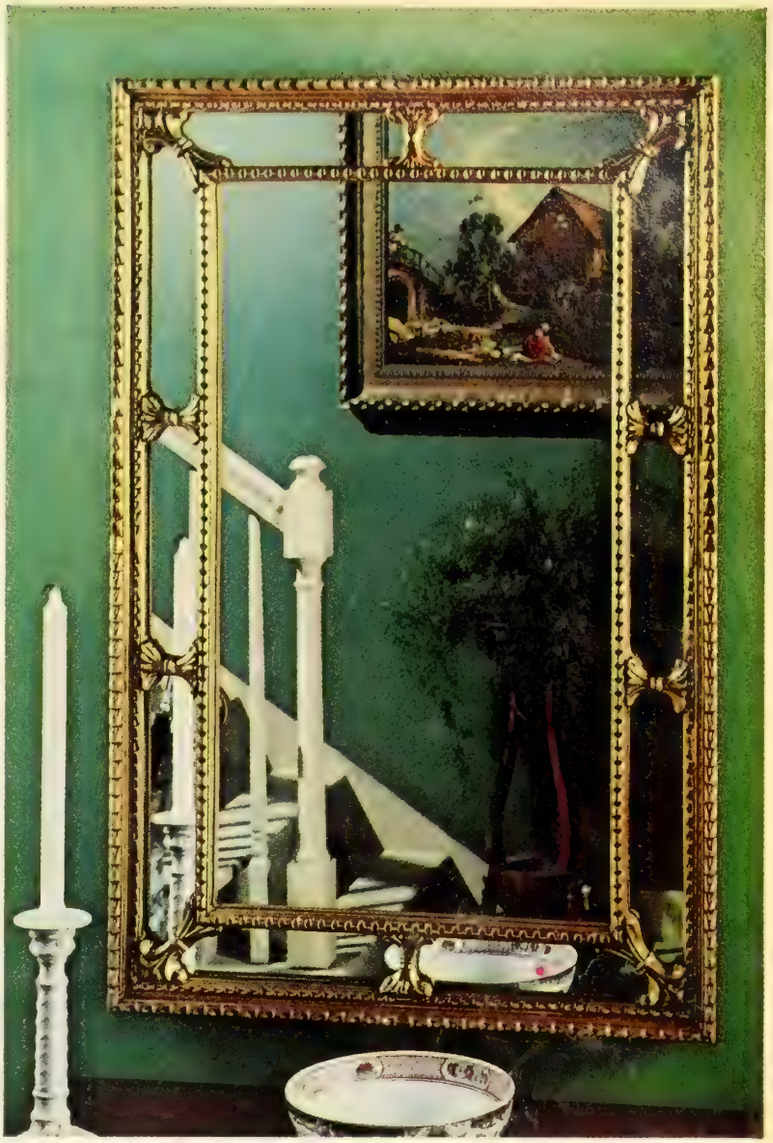
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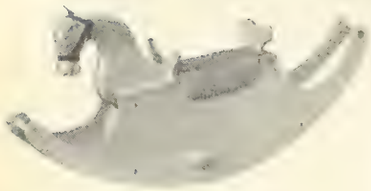
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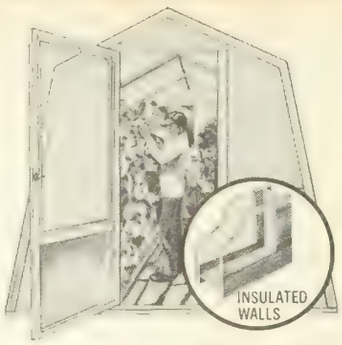
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Although we have one quarrel with it, we think **Brandies and Liqueurs of the World** (Doubleday, $12.50) is an amazing book. Authors Hurst Hannum and Robert S. Blumberg do state that it was not their "intention to provide a complete listing of every brandy and liqueur in the world." But we quarrel that in a book written for the American market, too little space is given to the less esoteric, less exotic liqueurs—the Coffee Flavored Brandies, the Crème de Bananas, etc., that account for a large amount of interest and buying here. These products do vary from maker to maker and some comparative tasting notes would have been useful. It is, though, a minor quarrel, since the general information is so superbly presented and the authors have done an amazing job in discussing the products they do.

Intriguing—inspiring as well—is **Liqueurs for All Seasons** (Lyceum Books, $9.95), Emilio Cocconi's easy-to-follow guide to making your own liqueurs. Translated and adapted by Frank Kulla and Patricia Shannon Kulla, this is a beautifully illustrated presentation—and most of its 90 recipes are made with easy-to-find ingredients.

But we have to wave a yellow flag of caution over the next two books. **The Great Wine Châteaux of Bordeaux** (Hastings House, $29.95) is an admirable attempt, flawed by the poor quality of many reproductions. There are some very respected names involved here—with Pamela Vandyke Price as consultant, Pierre and Bernard Ginestet (from Château Margaux) as special consultants, Vintage magazine Publisher Philip Seldon as editor and Hubrecht Duijker writing the text—and as a behind-scenes look at some of the greatest names of wine, it is interesting. But blurry pictures just shouldn't be part of the package at this price.

The Game of Wine (Doubleday, $12.50) "reads good," as the saying goes, but Forrest Wallace and Gilbert Gross' smooth writing can't quite make up for the extreme generalization and some very careless errors—of commission and omission. The chapters on wine-and-food matching are worthwhile and could be helpful if you have time to study through the prose and if you then use other wine references to help make your specific wine choice. But those are big *ifs*.

Two others that might be of some interest are **The Advanced Winemaker's Practical Guide** (Hawthorn Books, paperback, $4.95), by Stanley F. Anderson with Raymond Hull, a new book, with recipes for grape and other wines as well as liqueurs, from a leading authority on amateur wine-making, and Philip M. Wagner's **Grapes Into Wine** (Alfred Knopf, paperback, $5.95). An all-new version of Wagners classic **American Wines and Wine-Making,** first published in 1933 and revised several times, it's a must for anyone interested in the technical side of wine—as lovingly explained by an eminent American winemaker ■

HOW TO KEEP YOUR HOUSE PLANTS HAPPY & HEALTHY

A guide to watering, lighting, humidity, feeding and pest control—PLUS a look at new products and trends



Our reviewer (in Koss stereophones) had not, at press time, issued a statement, but according to the record jacket, the sonic sounds of Jerry Cammarata's "Plant Serenade" are stimulating to plants. Other recordings for green growth present traditional music.

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What do plants need in order to thrive? We have always had light, water, soil, humidity, fertilizer and bug control to think about, all of which produce more-or-less predictable growth responses. But now, can it be that we have to worry over whether Bach or rock would be better culture for our plants? Or what if they respond to frequencies and musical vibrations totally foreign to human ears? These questions may never have proven answers, but the fact is that living with plants has become serious business. What began as a fad has emerged as a new lifestyle, based on a growing awareness that the presence of plants in our environment is vital to emotional well-being. Plants are more than objects of beauty in our rooms. They are necessities. For ways to give house plants the best home possible—and enjoy them more yourself—please turn to the following pages. ☐ *By* ELVIN McDONALD

HOUSE PLANTS

1 Light

Of all the things plants need to grow well indoors, light is probably the most elusive—in part because we don't stop to think about it. I had been living in my present apartment for several months before it dawned on me that the building across the street blocked direct sun from my windows. In theory, south-facing windows give maximum sun; in practice, mine are more like unshaded east or west exposures.

Then I began to pay more attention to the movement of light all through the day in different parts of each room. Now I know that it varies from several hours' direct sun in and near some of the windows to the sort of good reading light that certain shade-loving foliage plants need. And there are areas where no plant could grow without supplementary artificial light.

From the moment you determine the quality and quantity of natural light that reaches the part of a room where you want a garden to grow, the rest is easy. Either select plants with light needs that suit the space or become an electric gardener.



"Avant-Gard'n" étagère combines smart display with function in three lighted shelves for growing and one for storing plant-care items. Light is from two 20-watt Vita-Lite tubes above each shelf. The frame is of sturdy wood, the fiberboard shelves sheathed in butcher-block vinyl; wiring is concealed. Available in light or dark finish, unit stands five feet tall, requires 25½ by 11½-inch floor space. By Fleco Industries; price is about $265.

If you don't know the light requirements of a plant, look them up in a reference book or ask someone in a plant shop. If the recommendations vary, remember that plants are adaptable. By selection and arrangement, you can use sun-lovers to protect those that need less light.

When artificial light is needed, regardless of type you choose, burn it about six to eight hours daily as a supplement to weak natural light, or 12 to 16 hours daily as the sole source. You can use pairs of 20-watt or larger fluorescents placed 12 inches or less from the leaves of small-to-medium plants such as African violets, gloxinias and some orchids. If the size and shape of a fluorescent-light garden doesn't fit the space or the plants you want, consider 75- to 150-watt incandescent floodlights with built-in reflectors, for example,



"Help-A-Plant" is a combination light and soil-moisture meter. With directions for light and water needs of 240 common house plants, it's a handy helper indoors or outdoors, eliminates the guesswork. By Nova Systems; about $16.

Duro-Test's "Plant Lite," General Electric's "Cool Beam" or Sylvania's "Cool-Lux." These are best installed in ceramic-socket fixtures placed 18 to 36 inches directly above or slightly to the side of plants. And if you want to turn a dark foyer into a sun-drenched space, a 1,000-watt HID lamp of the mercury-fluorescent type can be your skylight. Install the ballast and a "Deluxe White" or "Color improved" lamp three feet above the uppermost leaves.

Light is being given unprecedented attention by the plant industry. This year for the first time you can buy light meters designed specifically for indoor gardening and, increasingly, new plants are bred with the typical low-light interior in mind.

2 Humidity

Will you and your house plants spend the winter in a desert or an oasis? Humidity makes the difference. Although dying leaf tips and your own stuffy nose and dry skin may indicate lack of humidity, a hygrometer will tell you exactly how much moisture is in the air. The goal of most indoor gardeners is 40% or more.

The only sure way to maintain this degree of humidity is to use a cool-vapor humidifier. Room-size units sold by drugstores for the treatment of respiratory illnesses usually hold a gallon or two of water and require filling once or twice a day. One operating near a grouping of plants can do wonders. Larger console units vaporize from two to 17 gallons of water into the atmosphere every 24 hours.

"Wick-Feed Tray" in plastic with grid insert helps increase humidity. Use wicks to water and feed plants automatically. By Fleco Industries; about $5.



Other humidifiers are designed for use as part of a forced-air heating system.

Grouping plants in pebble trays also helps increase humidity. In fact, some of this season's new plastic trays have ridged bottoms or grid inserts that eliminate the need for pebbles. "Plant Humid-A-Floaters" are modular wood units mounted on casters that come with waterproof metal tray inserts filled with porous clay nuggets for maximum moisture evaporation. The rule is to add water often enough to maintain its level slightly below that of the pot bases.

Frequent misting does not take the place of pebble trays and humidifiers, but it keeps leaves clean and is necessary for ferns, bromeliads, bark-mounted orchids.



Moisten baby plants with "Rain Bottle." By Wings Over the World; $2. For easy misting: Geiger's "Polyspray 2" ($13) or the "Splasher" design by Phillips ($2).



"Humidigrow" increases humidity by vaporizing 1½ gallons of water every 12 to 15 hours. By Kaz; about $15.



Heavy-duty white plastic 18-inch humidity tray may be used with or without pebbles. By Beh Housewares; about $6.

3 Water

No matter how much it rains or snows, your house plants depend entirely on you for water. If you wait until a plant is visibly wilted, older leaves and tender new growth will all die prematurely.

This applies especially to zebra plants, Swedish-ivy and flowering plants in full bloom such as gloxinia, chrysanthemum, gardenia, cyclamen and azalea. Of course, not all plants wilt visibly when dry. Dwarf citrus, jasmine and ficus just drop quantities of leaves. The tips and edges of spider plants, dracaena and bird's-nest fern will simply turn brown and then die.

The most direct way to tell if a plant needs water is to poke your finger into the surface soil. If it feels dry, add enough water of room temperature to moisten all soil and roots. Or, eliminate guesswork and use a soil-moisture meter to see if your plants are wet, moist or dry. One thing the probe of the meter can do that your finger cannot is to reach deep into the soil to check on the amount of moisture where most of the roots are. This is especially helpful where large containers are involved; surface soil may feel dry, yet soil at root level may be wet.

One misconception about watering house plants comes from advice to let the soil "dry out" before you water again. What the purveyors of this recommendation mean to say is that the soil should dry out slightly or approach dryness before more water is added. In reality, not even desert cacti and other succulents can survive total dryness.

Of course, none of this will help if you are absent-minded about watering or frequent travel makes you an absentee gardener. One solution is to use self-watering containers that have reservoirs and require filling with water at monthly intervals.

If being away from home for a week or more (not forgetfulness) is the problem, there are several possible solutions. You can engage the services of a professional plantsitter, the same as you would a dog-walker. If the person is truly qualified, you may come home to healthier plants than before. If the person to whom you assign this responsibility is inexperienced, give each plant a label on which you indicate precisely how much and how often to water it. This requires a lot of arbitrary decisions on your part, but it is better than having the watering done strictly hit or miss.

If you must leave your plants unattended, group small pots in a waterproof tray. Saturate the soil just before you leave, adding enough water so that the pot bases stand in about a half inch of water. This should sustain plants for a week to 10 days. Saturate the soil in larger pots and when it will accept no more water, fill the saucer. If the heating system is on, turn it back to a minimum of 50-55° F.

Another way to leave plants without care for periods of a week or more is to enclose them in large, clear plastic bags. If the plants normally grow in direct sun, move them away from the window so that they receive only bright light. Otherwise, they may become too steamy hot inside the plastic. Before you enclose a plant, remove dead or yellowed leaves, open or spent flowers and any traces of insects. This helps prevent the buildup of pests and diseases that could occur in the constantly humid environment.



Attach "Mister-Spritzer" 50-foot hose to any sink faucet. Use snap-on watering, misting attachments to nurture plants. By Cleveland Cotton Products; about $13.



"Sav-A-Plant" (above) **is a combination light and soil-moisture meter. By Beh Housewares; about $15. "Mist'R Sun"** (right) **is also designed to be used as a light or soil-moisture meter. By Korex Industries; about $15. Both have detachable probes for checking hanging or other hard-to-reach plants. Using a meter is the only way to determine the condition of roots deep down in the soil. This is especially important for cacti and tree-sized plants.**



Hidden reservoirs of aerated water automatically keep soil properly moist in wall-mounted, 10-inch "Suspense Mural" (below)**, about $7 in white, red, yellow or green plastic, and the 18-inch "Prisma" planter on rollers** (bottom)**, priced at about $40 in white or black. By Vastill.**









Clear plastic pot holder (top) **attaches to window by means of suction cup. By Isis; $2. It supports a four-inch self-watering pot by Phillips; about $1.40. White, brown black or terra-cotta plastic cylinders** (immediately above) **on swivel casters are self-watering. By American ESA; $35.**

4 Potting Soils

Mixing potting soil can be one of the most satisfying aspects of growing house plants. Ingredients include all-purpose potting soil, perlite (builder's sand may be used instead), vermiculite and peat moss.

Although there are exceptions, most packaged all-purpose potting soils are too dense and poorly drained to produce thriving plants. My practice is to mix two parts of all-purpose potting soil to one part *each* sphagnum peat, vermiculite and perlite.

For cacti and other succulents, as well as bromeliads, I use two parts perlite to one part *each* of all-purpose potting soil, sphagnum peat moss and vermiculite.

Wherever plants are sold, you may also find bags of pre-mixed soil labeled specifically for African violets, cacti/succulents and terrariums. Mixes sold for African violets tend to be on the acid side and are also excellent for ferns, citrus and gardenia. A mix labeled for cacti and other succulents will probably do well by geraniums; terrarium soil can be used for almost everything else. Add half a cup of charcoal chips per quart of any potting soil destined for a container that does not have drainage holes.

Osmunda fiber and shredded bark are mediums used primarily for growing epiphytic plants. If they're not available locally, order from an orchid or bromeliad specialist.

In recent years, soil-less, peat-lite or synthetic growing mediums have become popular, especially among growers of African violets, other gesneriads and begonias. Most of these are based on formulas developed at Cornell or at the University of California. They are sterile and, when they're used in combination with constant feeding, results can be phenomenal. Trade names include "Jiffy-Mix," "Redi-Earth," "Pro-Mix" and "Supersoil."

It is time to repot a plant when the soil in which it is growing becomes filled with roots or when growth makes the plant top-heavy and easily tipped over. A larger pot is needed also if a plant has to be watered nearly every day in order to avoid dry soil and wilted leaves. Small or medium-sized plants, in pots up to 10 inches across the top, usually need to be moved to a container one or two inches larger once each year. Large plants in pots or tubs 11 inches or more in diameter can be repotted about once in two years; but after a year, remove about three inches of the surface soil and add fresh soil. Work away the old soil with your fingers so as not to damage the roots.



"The Plant Communicator" is a battery-operated meter that not only gives a read-out indicating moisture content of soil at the root level, but also tests for the total water-soluble fertilizer materials, plus other soluble mineral residues in potting soils and soil-less mixes. When the probe of this instrument is in the soil, balanced fertility will cause it to "purr like a kitten." Other sounds described in the instructions indicate the need for more or less food or water. By Agronic; about $15.

5 Fertilizers

Potted plants grow better more consistently if they are fed. Those recently potted don't need feeding for about three months. Also hold back if you are growing any plant in less than ideal light or in temperatures not as warm as it would like and feed much less than you would the same plant under normal growing circumstances—perhaps only once every two months.

There are countless house plant foods on the market. The important rule to remember is to follow directions on the label. Some are formulated specifically for feeding with every watering (essential if you are growing in a soil-less medium) or at intervals of from two to 12 weeks. To promote leaf growth, use an all-purpose or foliage plant food; for flowers, use a fertilizer labeled for African violets.

Apply fertilizer only to soil that is nicely moist. Never feed a wilted plant or one that has suffered unusual stress, such as being recently moved into a new environment.

6 Containers

Are unglazed clay pots better for plants than plastic pots? In my experience, it makes no difference. Because moisture evaporates through the walls of unglazed clay pots, plants growing in them require more water than if they were in plastic. Also, because clay is porous, the pot edges tend to remain moist and may in time collect mineral salts that can be harmful to plants, like African violets whose leaf stems often rest on the pot edges. Glazed ceramic pots with drainage holes are equally useful for plants and, as in plastic, soil dries out less quickly in them.



Copper-and-brass planter is a natural for showing off a copper-leaved begonia; 10 inches square. By Sarreid; about $85.



Natural rattan basket contains a strong metal support assembly that holds the plant's utilitarian pot and saucer. It comes with hanging chains and "S" hooks. Designed to fit four-, six-, eight- and 10-inch standard-sized pots. By Christen; from $13 to $30. Brackets for hanging one or three baskets also available, in black or white; $3-$6.

Probably the most important thing to remember is that culture is easiest if pots have drainage holes in the bottom so excess moisture can run off freely into the saucer or humidity tray underneath. If you want to grow a plant in a container that has no drainage holes, first add a layer of pebbles or gravel equal to or slightly less than one-third its height. An alternative is to grow the plant in a slightly smaller clay or plastic pot that can be slipped inside a decorative container made without drainage holes. If the rim of the growing pot is distracting, carpet the exposed soil surface and rim with pieces of florist's sheet moss. This gives a natural finishing touch, though you'll have to raise up a piece of the moss and feel the water with your finger—or insert the probe of a moisture meter—to tell when the plant needs water.

I've noticed that relatively small pots are almost always used with a matching saucer, but larger containers don't always come with a saucer—and large saucers can be expensive. However, I find they are a necessity. Without them it is only natural to be parsimonious with water, for fear that if too much is applied at one time, it will drain through and harm the surface underneath. This won't work because plants need to be watered well, not in dribbles, and if the plant survives long enough, inevitably you will over-water—perhaps without being aware of it until you discover a hole in the carpeting or an ugly mark on the parquet.

The rule of thumb I follow for what size pot a plant needs is this: Measure the height of the plant; select a pot one-third to one-half of this measurement. In other words, a bushy *Dracaena fragrans* 24 inches tall will do well in a pot eight to 12 inches wide. Plants that grow in a (*Continued*)

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If a white crust from mineral salts builds up on pots, brush off with a soap pad, then rinse clean. Chip off stubborn spots with the tip of a knife or attack them with a steel brush.

7 Plant Displayers

The way you display your plants could make all the difference between ordinary and unusual beauty. In fact, collecting special containers, pedestals and other objects for plant display can be an endeavor almost as interesting and rewarding as the growing itself.

One of my favorite ways to display plants is to place them on pedestals and platforms of various heights. If you have lots of different kinds of plants, this



Plants will appear naturally beautiful in these cedar wood planters. By Woodlord; from about $30 to $40.

staging technique can be used to make certain specimens stand out, especially at a time when they are in bloom, or to emphasize perfection in living sculptural form.

These accompanying photographs show some of the plant displayers that have recently become available. Some are designed as planters in which utilitarian growing pots can be placed. Others are simply ped-



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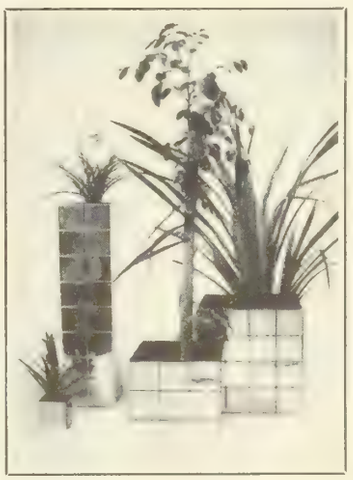
growing in attractive pots, cachepots or baskets.

One special use for a pedestal three to four feet tall is to lift a bushy or shrub-like indoor plant high enough so that it, in effect, becomes a tree—and much more visually impressive.

Dramatic night lighting is a natural part of effective plant display. Depending on the plant or grouping, you may want to use up, cross or down lighting. Reflector floods spread light over a relatively large area while spots concentrate it in a fairly precise circle. Floods can be placed as close as 18 inches from leaves, but keep spots at least three to four feet away so they don't overheat flowers or foliage, overheating can cause burn spots or withering.



"Collectables" are glass-and-chrome pedestals made to show off favorite plants. By Cosco; about $50 each.

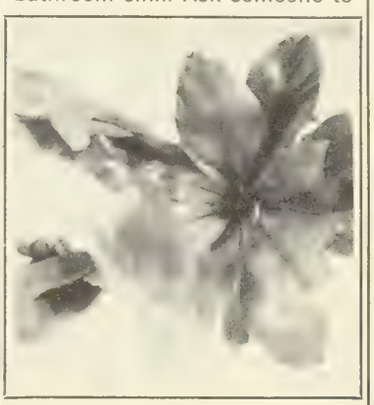


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If you would like to have a hanging garden that is easily changed for different effects, install one of the new ceiling track systems in front of a window. These come in various lengths and allow great flexibility without your having to drill new holes in the ceiling for hooks or brackets.

If beauty lies in the eye of the beholder, then you may look at a dracaena that has dead leaf tips and see only a beautiful plant. Or the leafy branches of your ficus tree may help you ignore the dead leaves it has dropped all around. But if you want to gain maximum pleasure from your indoor garden, keep the plants well groomed.

If you keep the leaves clean by showering often with lukewarm water, the plants will both look better and—most importantly—will be healthier. Plants small enough to carry easily can be rinsed off in a kitchen or bathroom sink. Ask someone to help you carry larger plants to the tub or shower. And if moving the plant is unthinkable, sprinkle the leaves generously with your mister. If it's physically possible, move plants outdoors during a gentle, warm rain, but only when outdoor temperatures are above 60° F. I do not recommend the use of commercial shiners, milk or oil. Water is the natural plant cleaner and shiner. Other liquids tend to clog the leaf pores.



Use the "Dust Buff" to clean leaves. A side benefit is that lanolin from its wool gives them a natural shine. By Nancraft; $1.

Keeping dead leaves and old flowers trimmed off plants makes them more attractive and also reduces the likelihood of disease and insect attack. If the tip or edge of a leaf has turned yellow or brown, trim off only the dead part with a pair of scissors, cutting just enough of the green to give the leaf a natural shape. A big palm with lots of fronds lined with dead leaf tips can keep you busy and satisfy your tactile senses for a couple of hours, especially if you also clean each leaf between two pieces of moist paper toweling after you trim it.

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9 Bugs & Problems

It's almost impossible to grow plants without having an occasional attack of bugs. The trend for control is away from chemical pesticides, in favor of frequent showering of the entire plant in lukewarm water, combined with misting or wiping the leaves and stems with a solution of organic "Ced-o-flora" or "Dr. Bronner's Peppermint Soap" every two weeks.

But to stop a bad infestation of cottony white mealybugs, you may have to resort to spraying with malathion. If white flies persist, a spray of synthetic pyrethrin may be in order. If tiny red spider-mites turn leaves a sickly, mottled yellow and you see their telltale webs, shower the plant daily in water and also try to improve the environment by lowering temperatures and increasing humidity and air circulation. If mites remain, spray at five-day intervals, alternating between the miticides known as Kelthane and Dimite.

Almost all other problems with house plants have to do with the environment. Insufficient light and careless watering are the chief causes of weak growth and leaf edges and tips that turn brown. For example, a ficus tree will shed quantities of leaves almost overnight if light is too weak or if the soil is too dry. Allowing the soil in which a palm is growing to become bone dry causes the fronds to die and encourages red spider-mites. Dry soil causes all of the older leaves of piggyback and aphelandra or zebra plant to die.

Disease is not likely to attack house plants unless you leave pots standing in water for long periods of time, in which case roots may rot. Heavy misting of hairy leaves —African violets, for example—may cause rot to develop. Overfeeding can kill roots.

10 Trends

One of the most important trends in interior design is to consider plants as necessities, not as accessories. For you, this may mean rearranging the furniture in a room in order to give maximum sun to a grouping of plants or installing fixtures for supplementary artificial light. As your interest grows, you may decide that building or remodeling is the answer. You could replace a small window with a spacious bay, enclose a porch—or add a greenhouse.

Because gardening indoors has become our national sport, we can expect an ever increasing number of unusual plants in local shops. Since no one person has space or time to grow everything, specialization is becoming the rule. This is obviously a matter of personal taste, but some frequent choices are bromeliads (ornamental relatives of the pineapple), gesneriads (African violets, gloxinias and their relatives), orchids, ferns, palms and cycads, cacti as well as other succulents and begonias.

The craze for terrariums and bottle gardens stuffed with all kinds of little plants is on the wane in favor of growing a few true miniatures in a glass- or plastic-enclosed environment or in a Featherrock planter displayed on a shallow pebble tray.

Growing large plants in water is a major trend, especially for members of the Aroid family, such as the anthurium, aglaonema (Chinese evergreen) and philodendron. The technique is simple: remove the pot, shake off as much of the soil as possible, then wash the root system in lukewarm water. Trim off any discolored or broken roots. Display the plant in a glass vase or laboratory jar with all of the roots (but no leaves) submerged in water. Once a month pour out the old water and replace with fresh water to which you have added a soluble houseplant fertilizer mixed at about one-fifth the strength recommended for normal feeding. Add more water from time to time.

Traditionally, bonsai have been trees or shrubs from temperate climates, but these require cold temperatures in winter. With the trend to growing subtropical plants as bonsai, this limitation no longer exists. Kinds you can grow year 'round in a window or fluorescent-light garden include pittosporum, portulacaria, calliandra, serissa, polyscias, callistemon, *Gardenia radicans*, jade plant, malpighia and carissa.

Another trend is the use of bonsai trays and pots for growing all kinds of plants, such as African violets, begonias, succulents and dwarf palms. The shapes and subtle earth colors of these make them very complementary to any indoor garden.

A new way to show off a seasonal flowering plant in its full bloom—an amaryllis, an azalea or cyclamen, for example—is to wrap the utilitarian pot it is growing in with pieces of damp florist's sheet moss. Use dark green twine to hold the moss in place. The result is an inexpensive, natural pot cover with a touch of fantasy. ■





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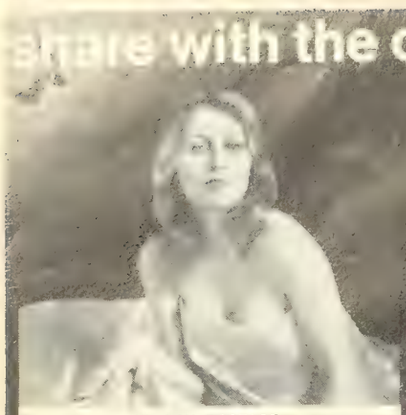
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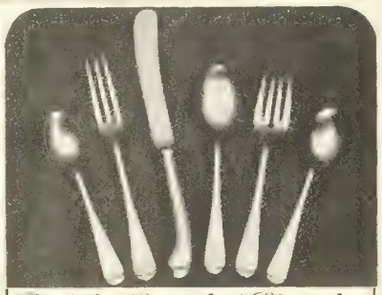


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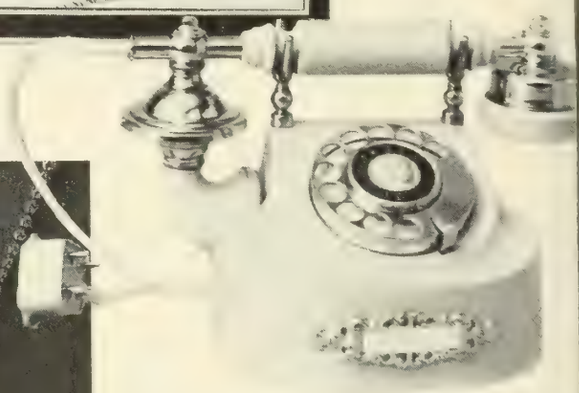
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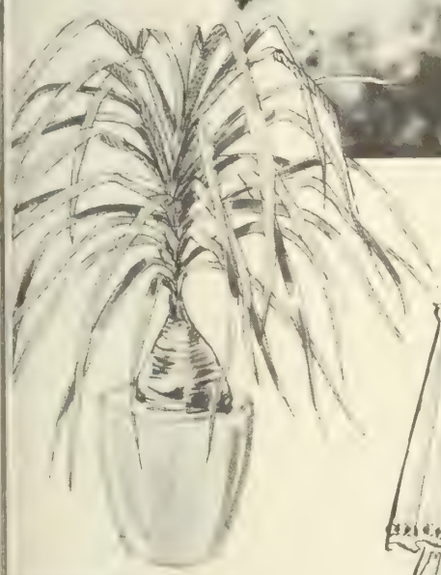
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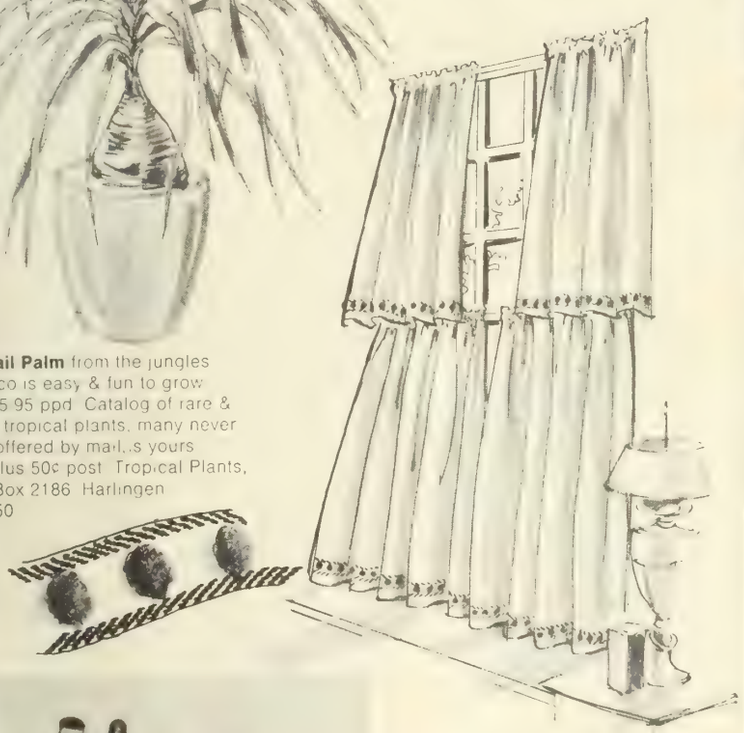
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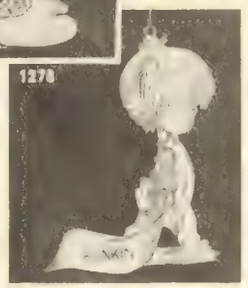


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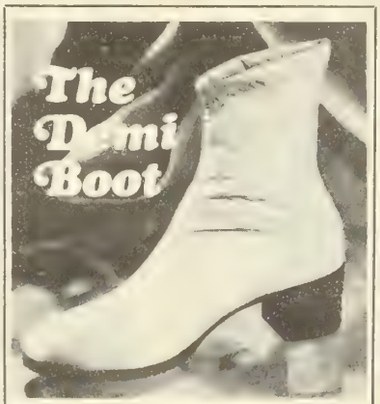
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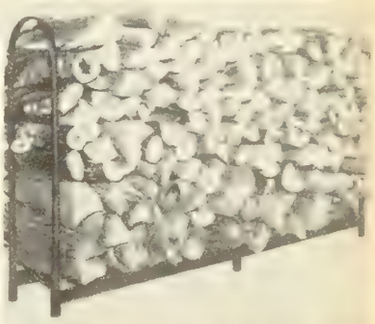
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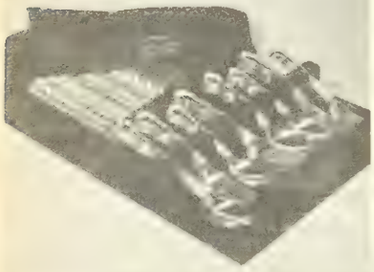
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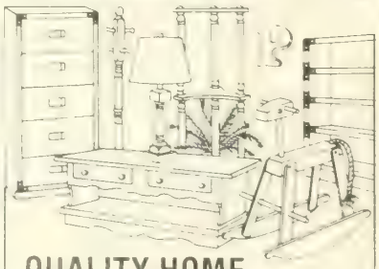
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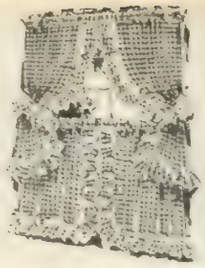


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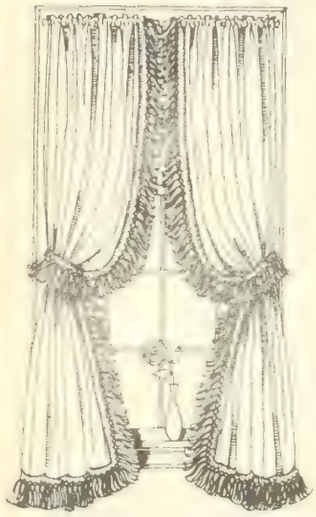
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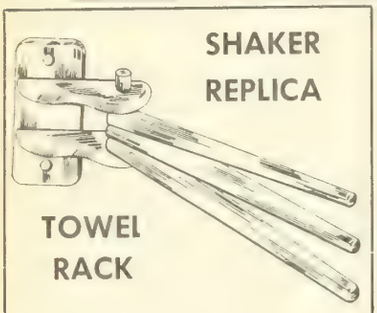
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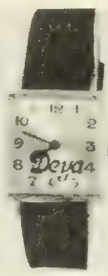
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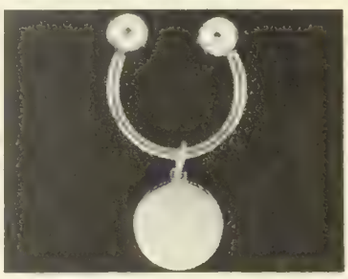
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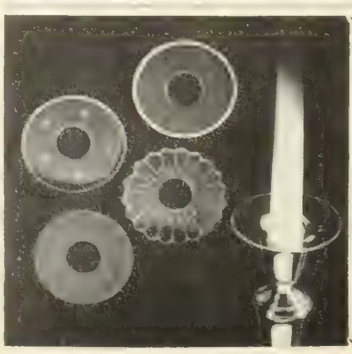


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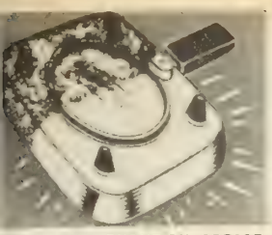
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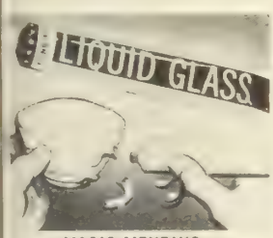
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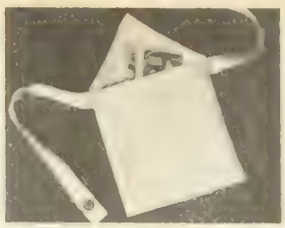
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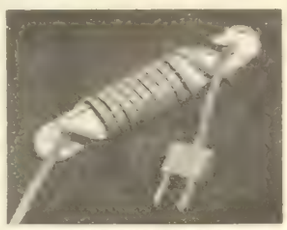
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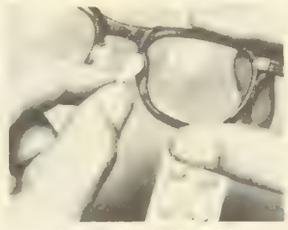
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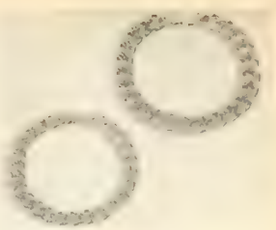
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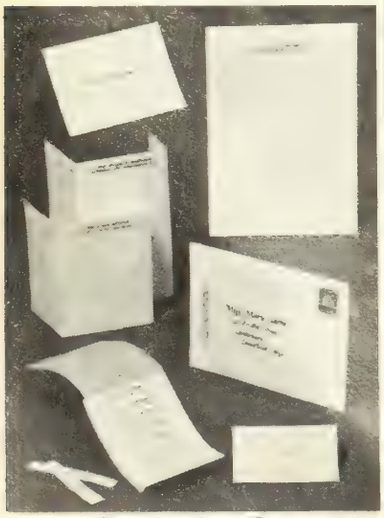


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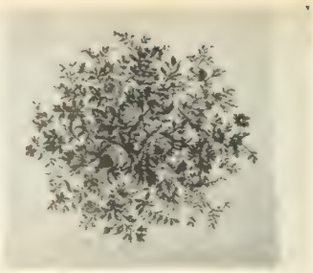
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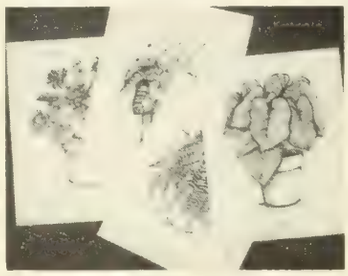
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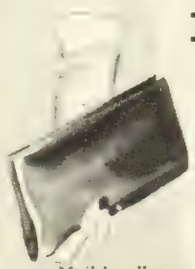
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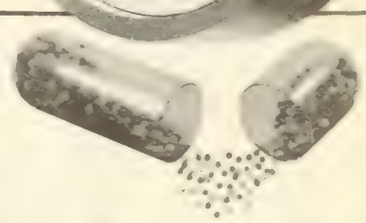
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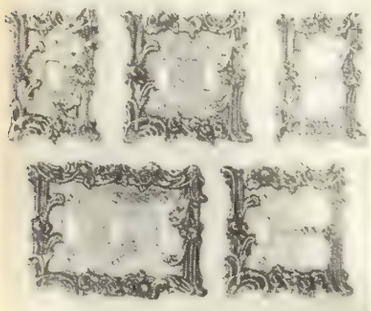
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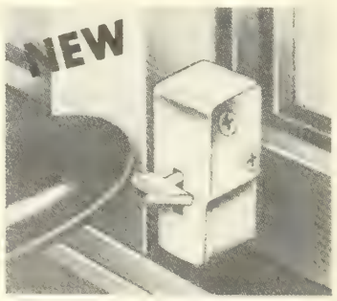
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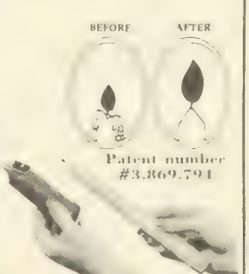
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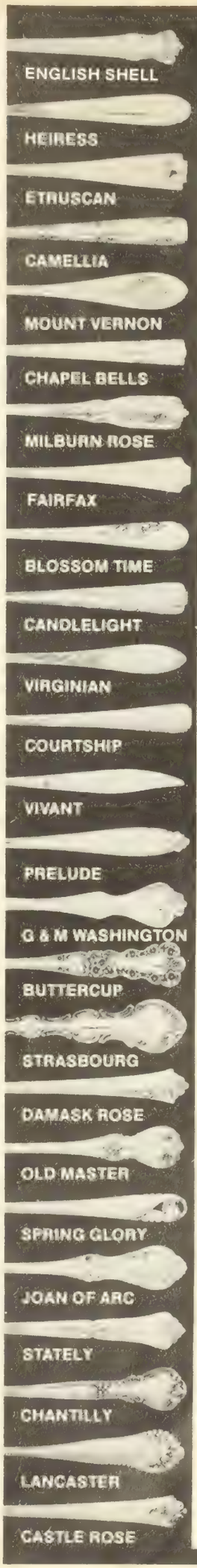
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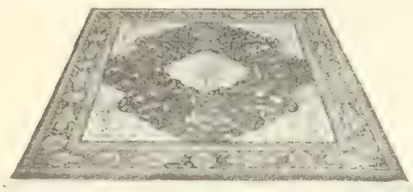
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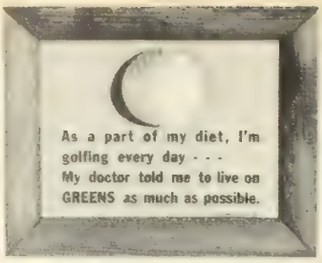
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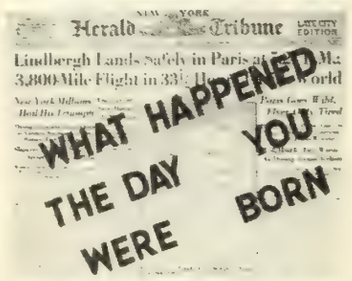
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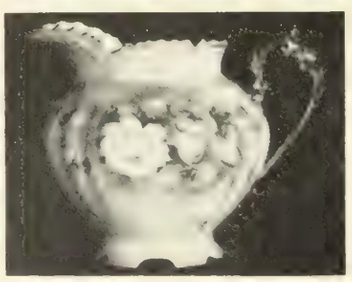
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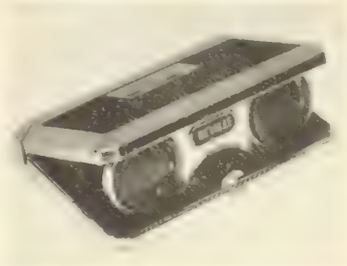
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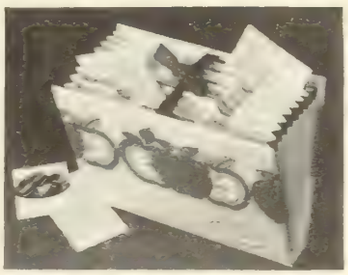
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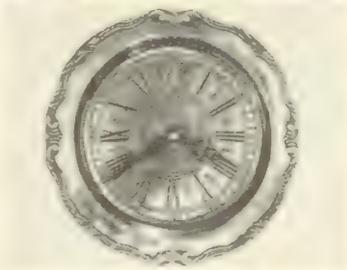
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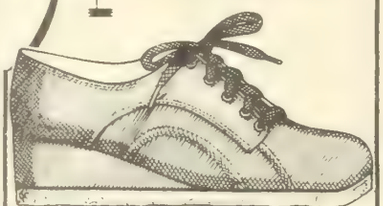
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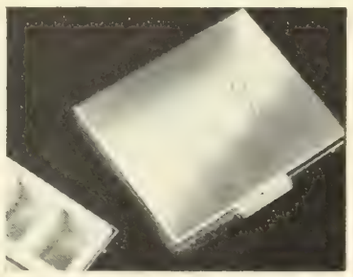
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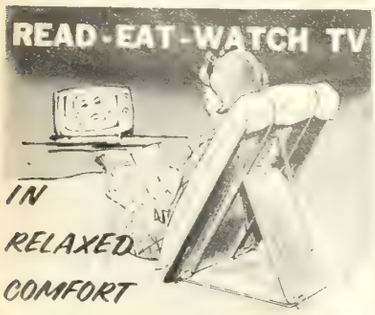


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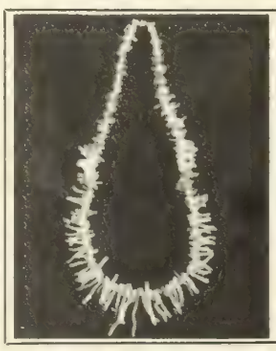
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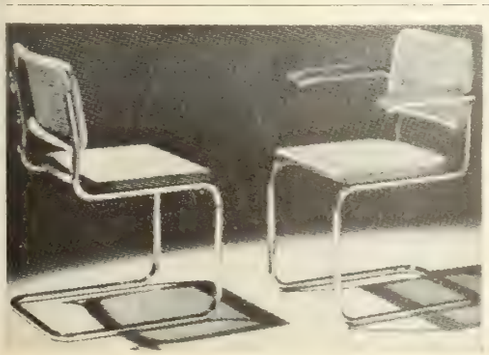
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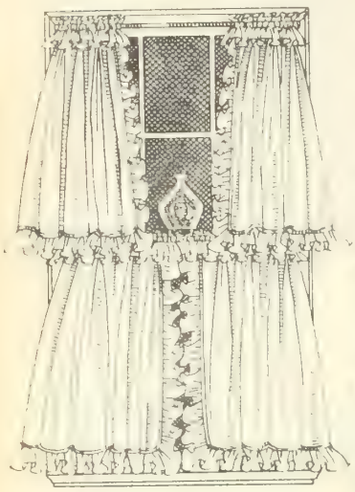
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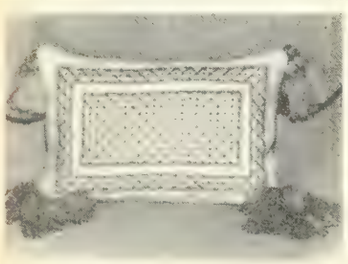
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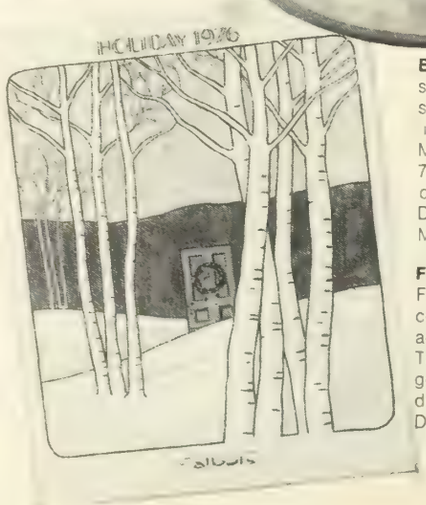




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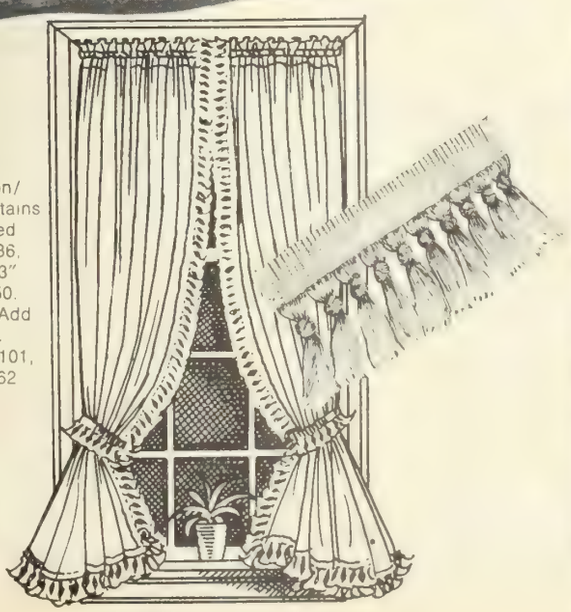


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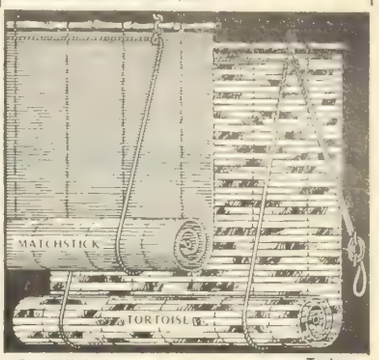


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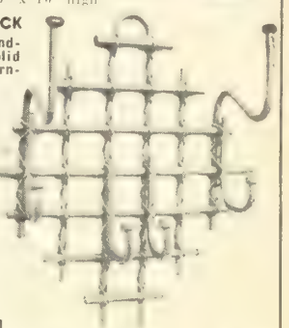
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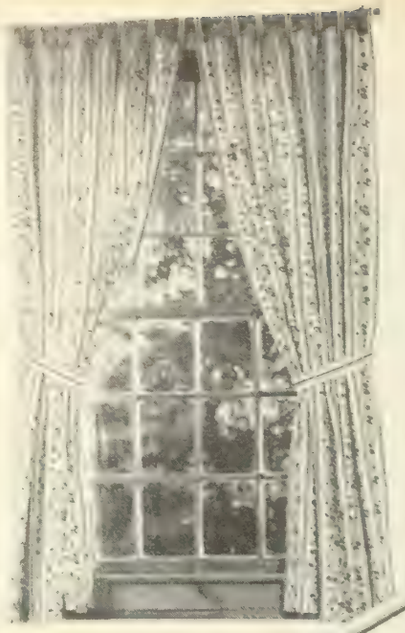
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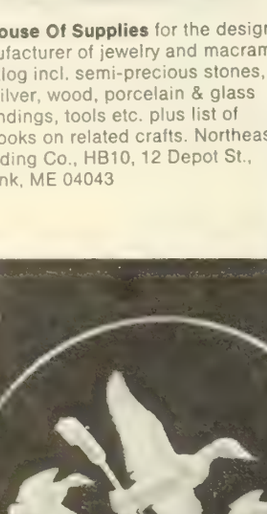
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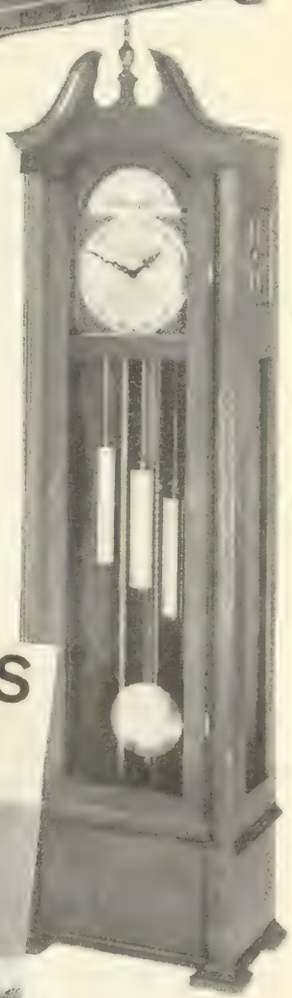


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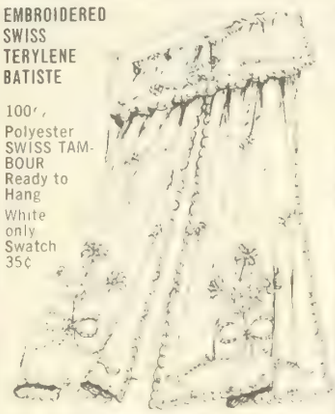
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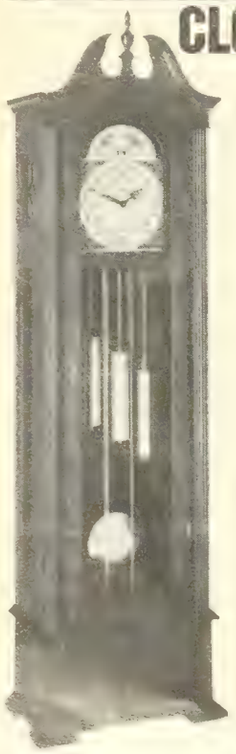
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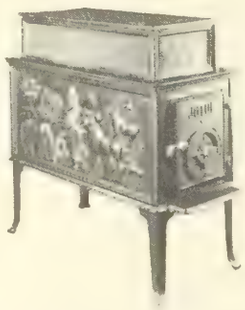
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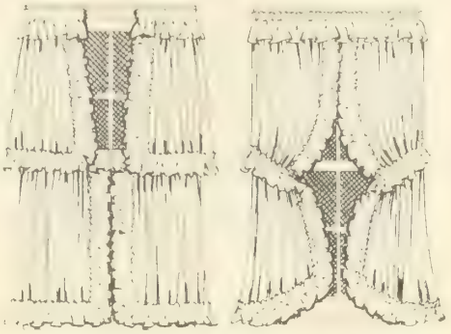


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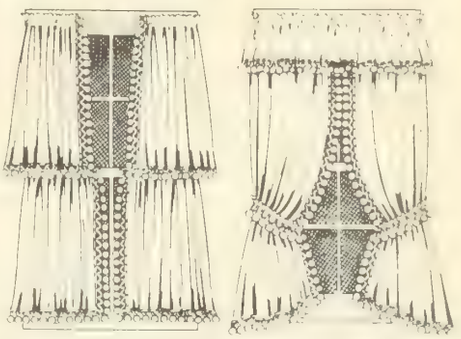
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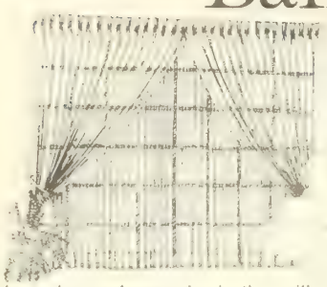
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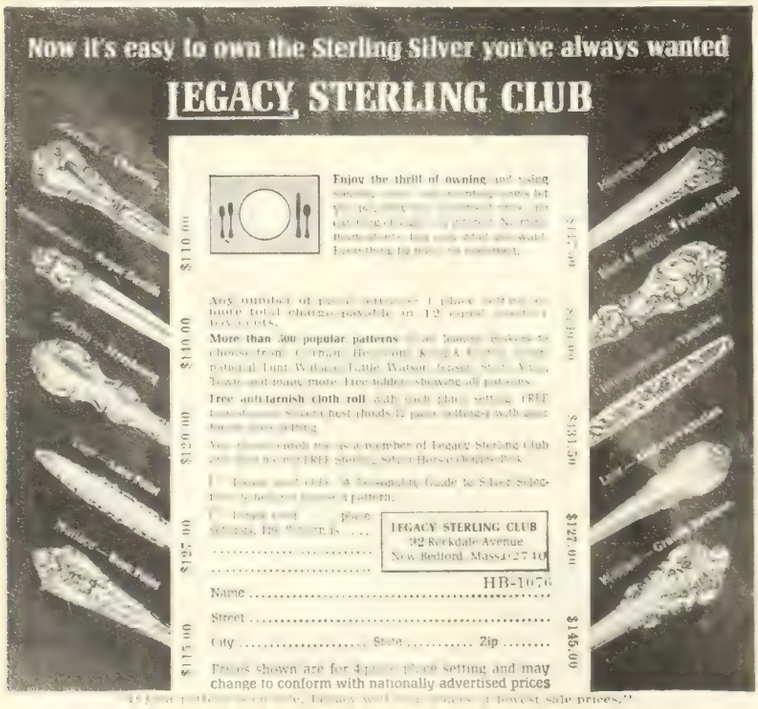
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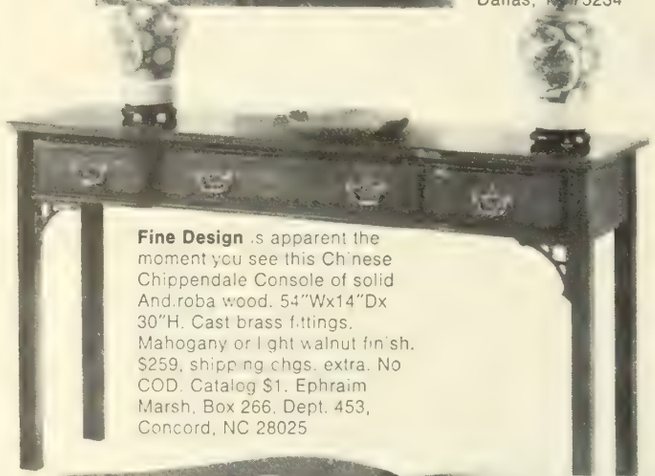
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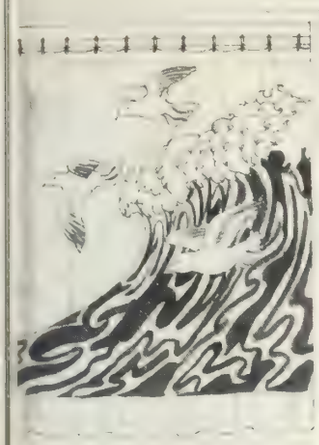
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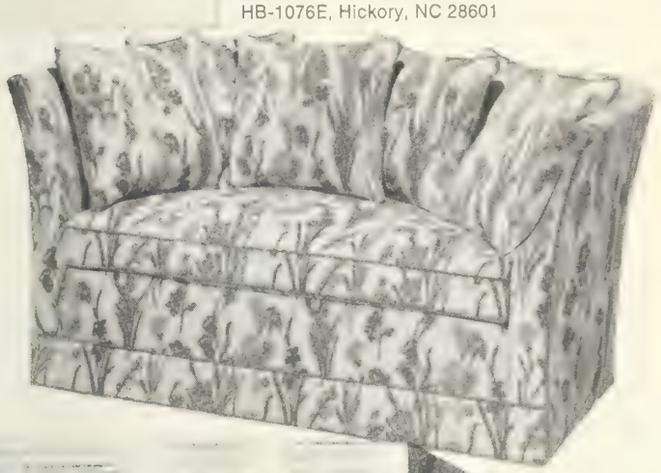
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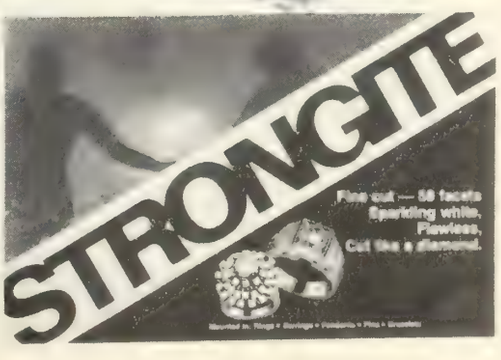






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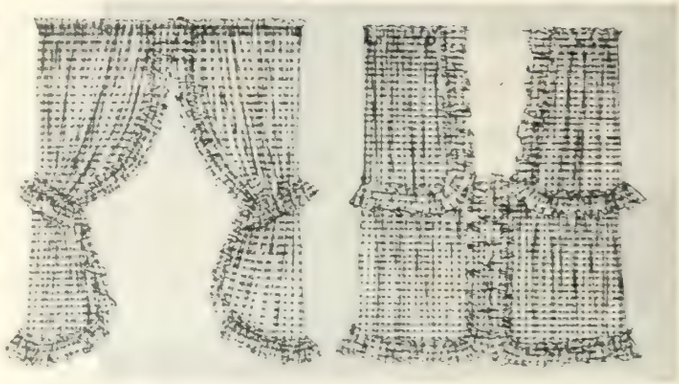
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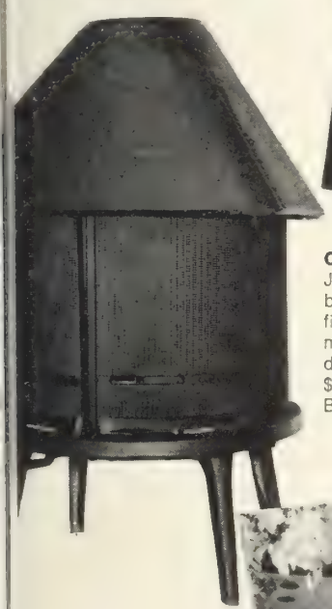
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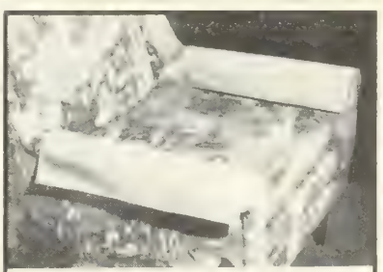
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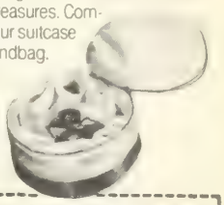
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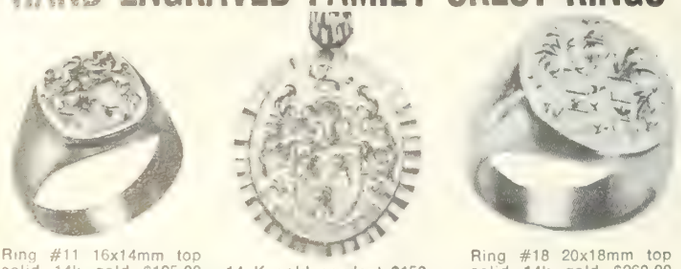
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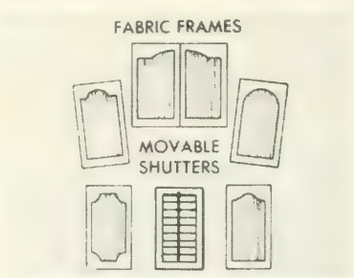
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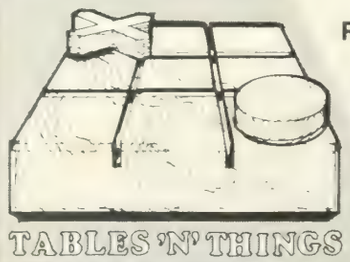


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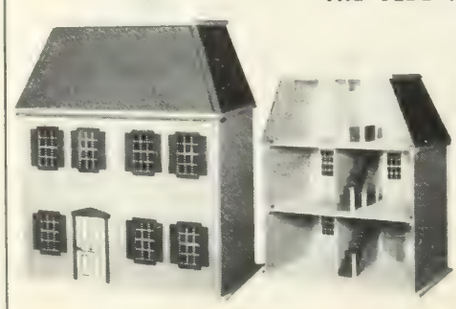
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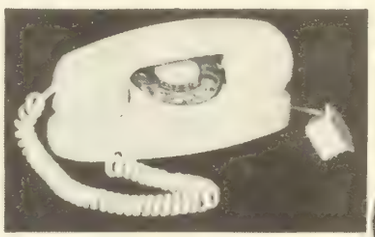


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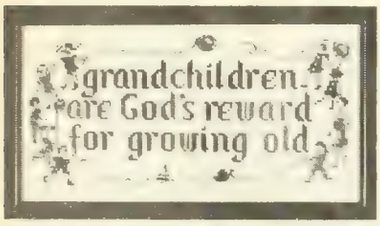
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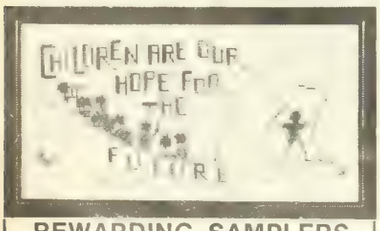
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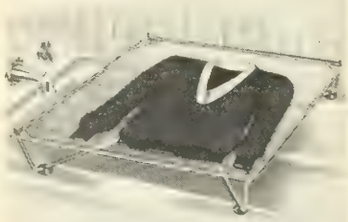
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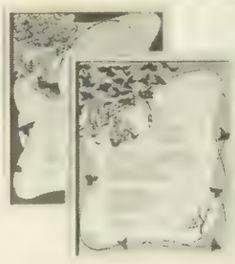
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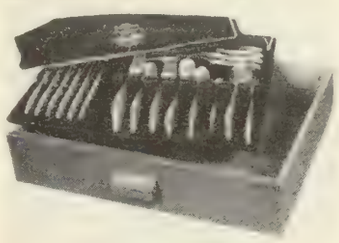
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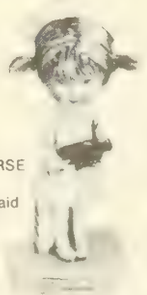
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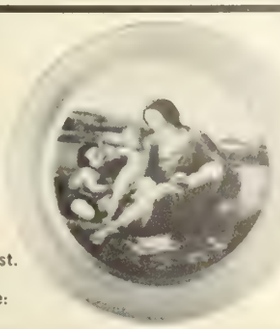
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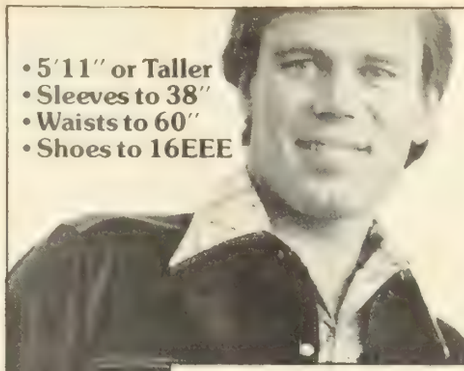


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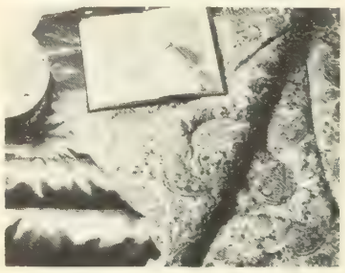
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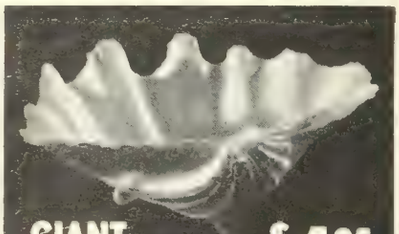


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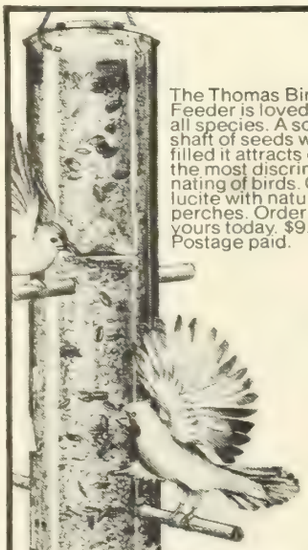
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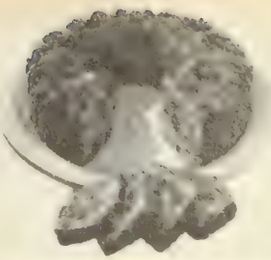


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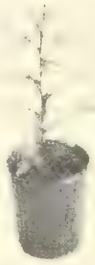
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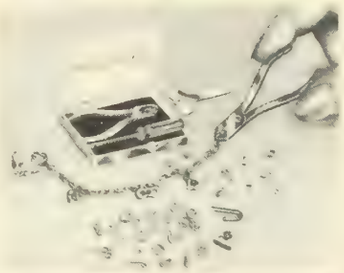
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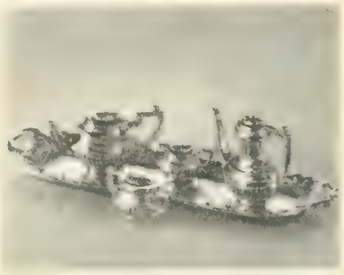
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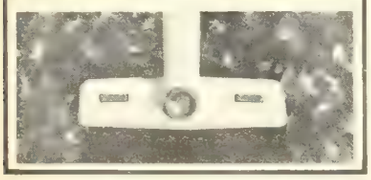
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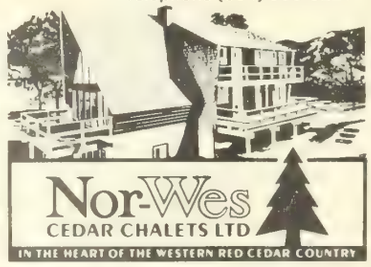
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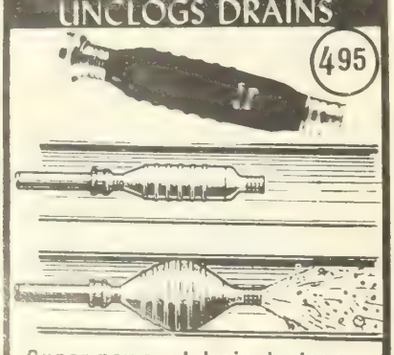
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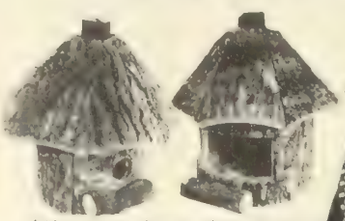
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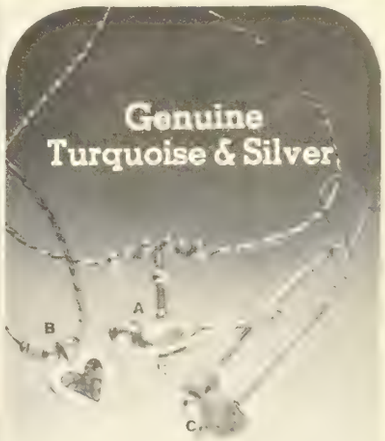
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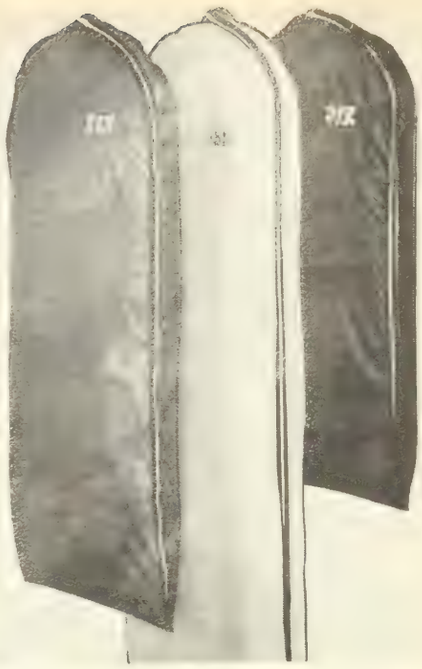
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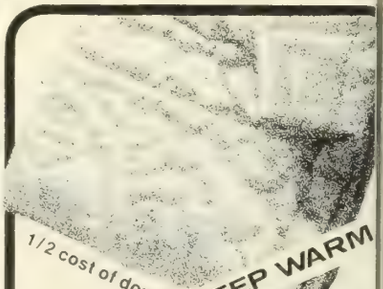
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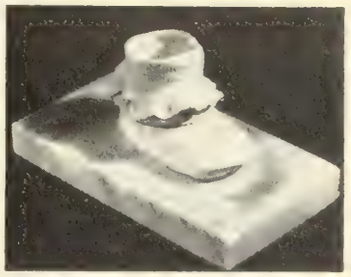
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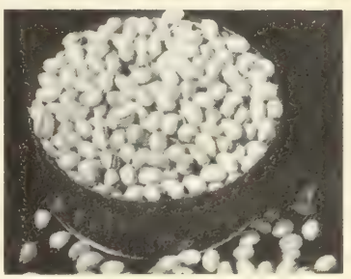
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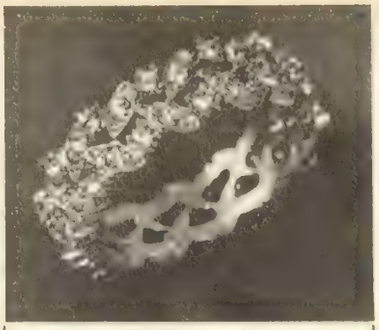
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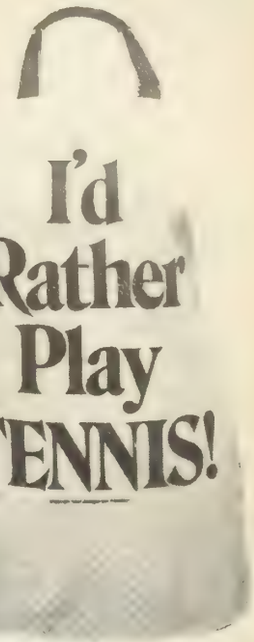
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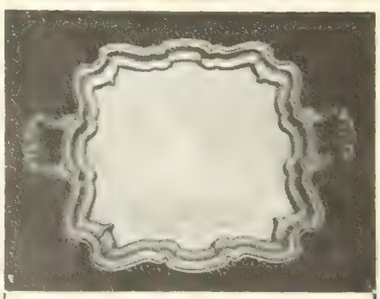


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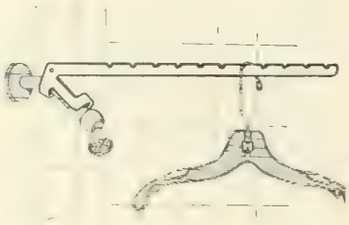
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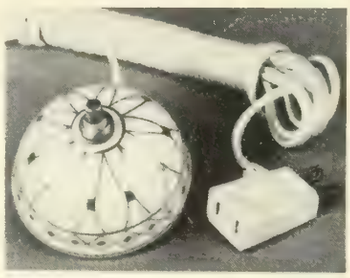
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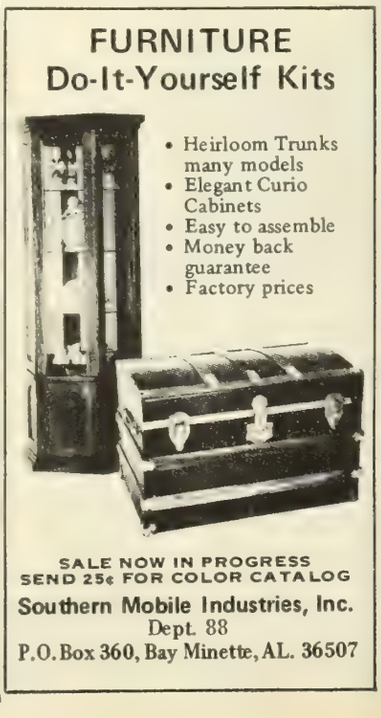


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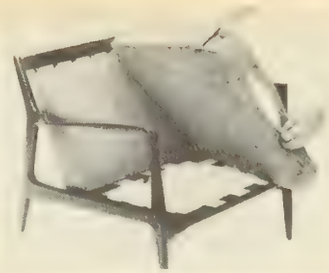


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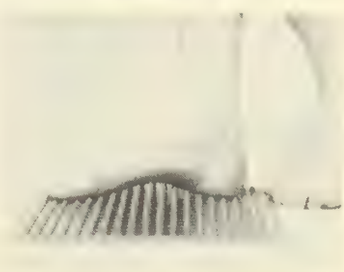
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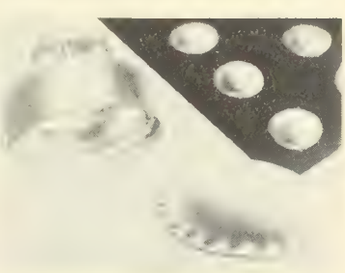
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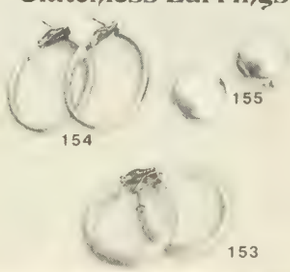
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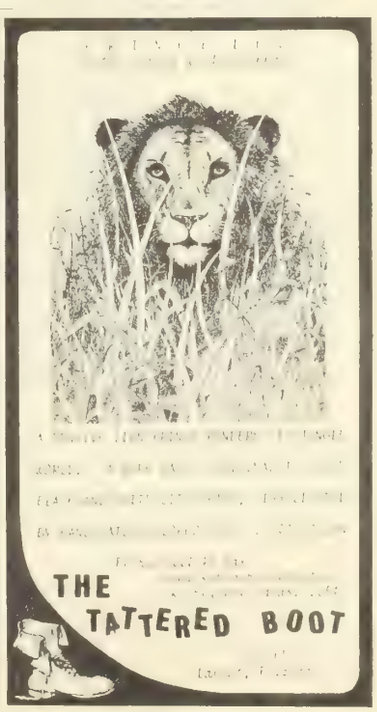
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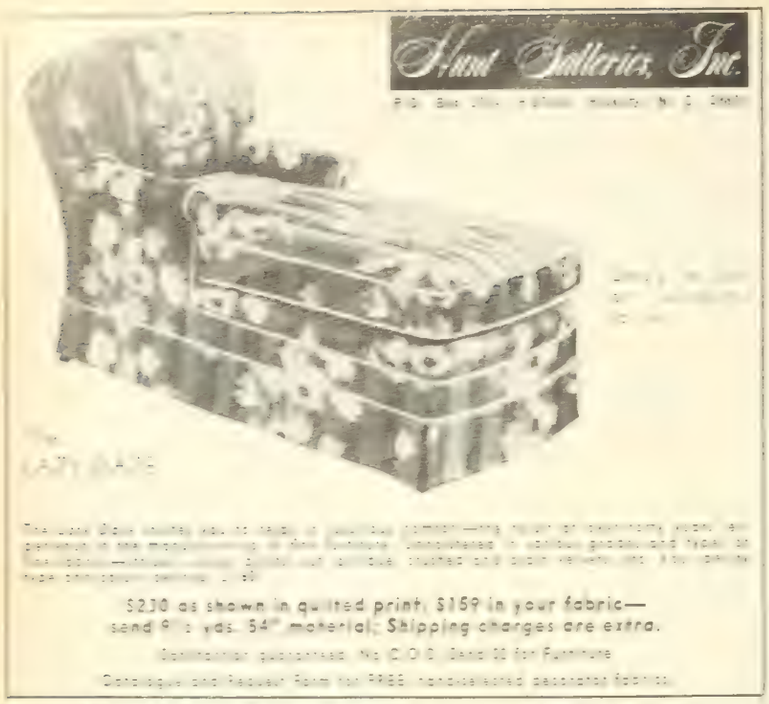




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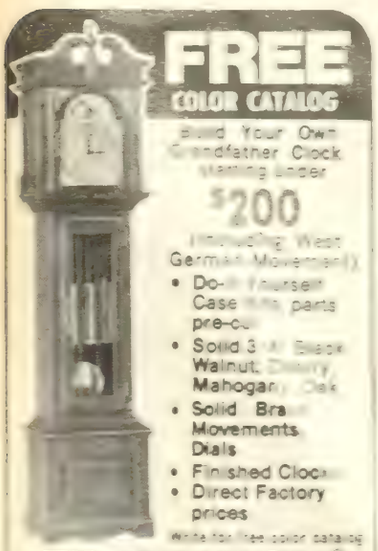


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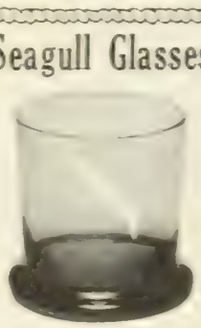


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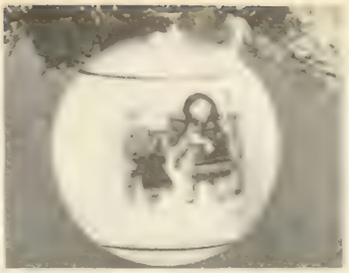
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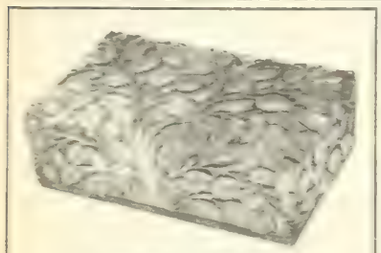
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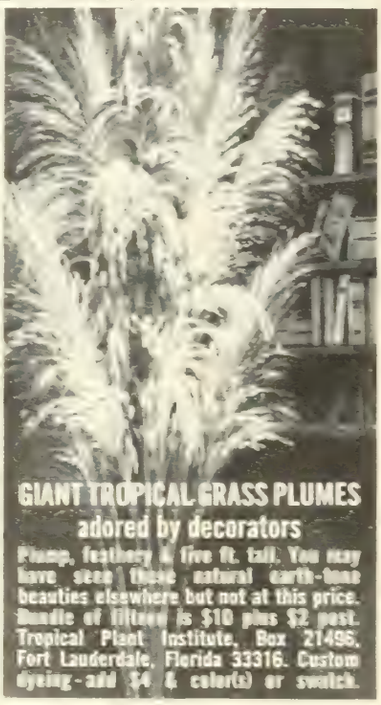
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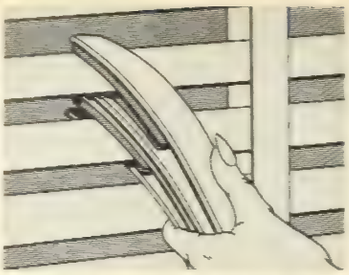
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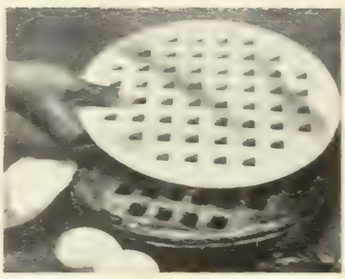


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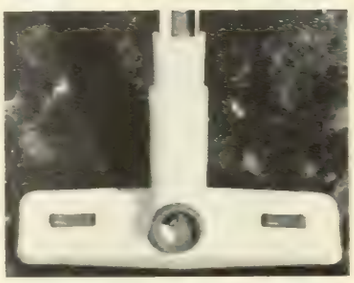
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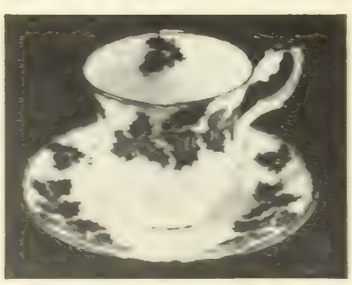
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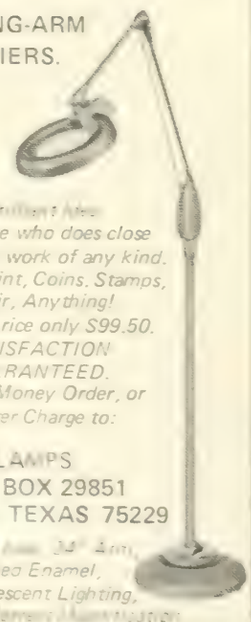


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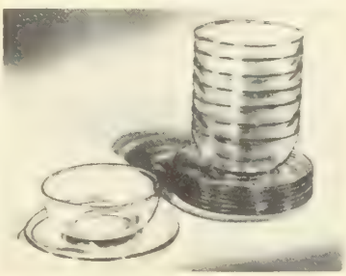
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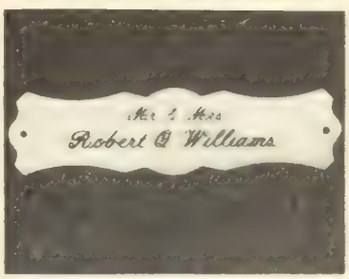
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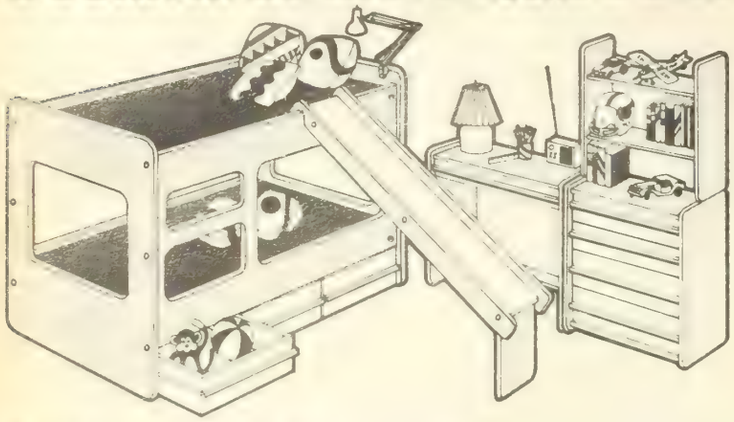
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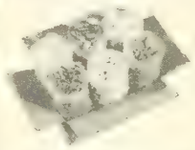
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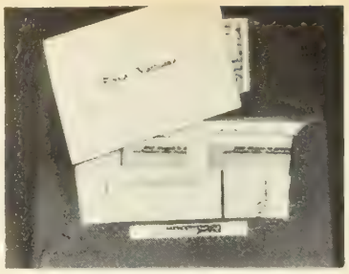
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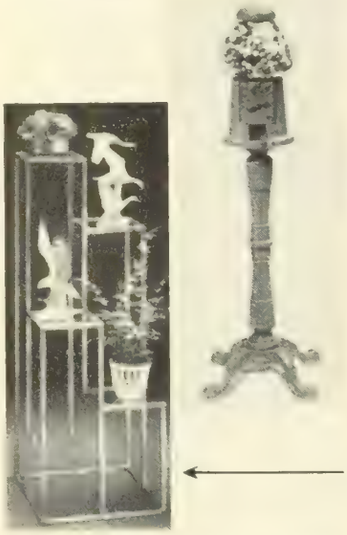
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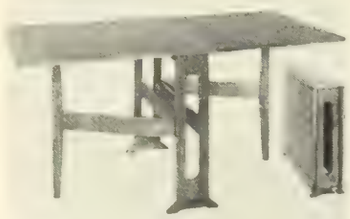


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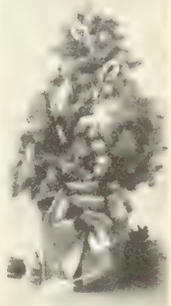
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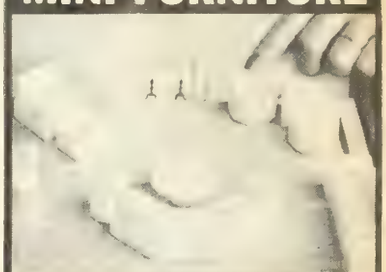
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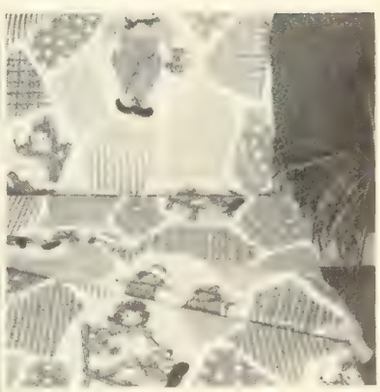
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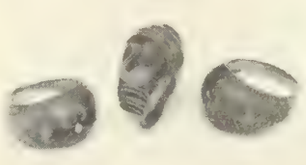
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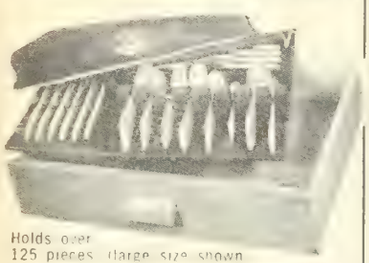
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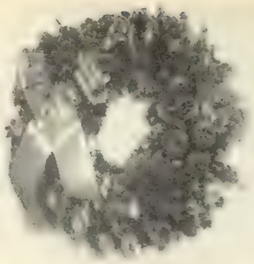


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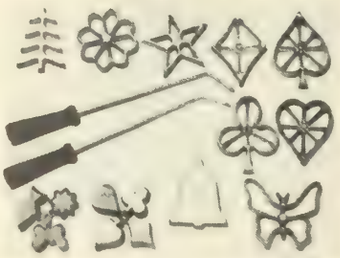
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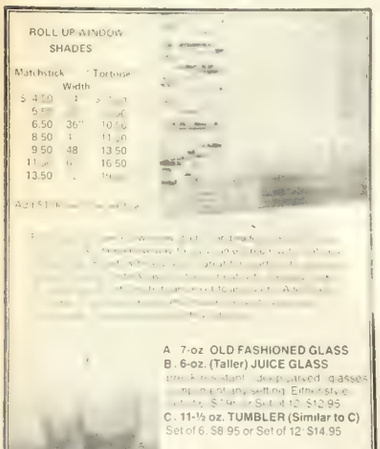
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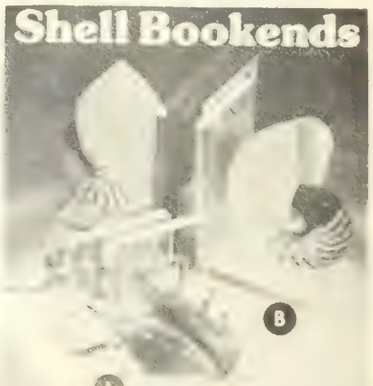
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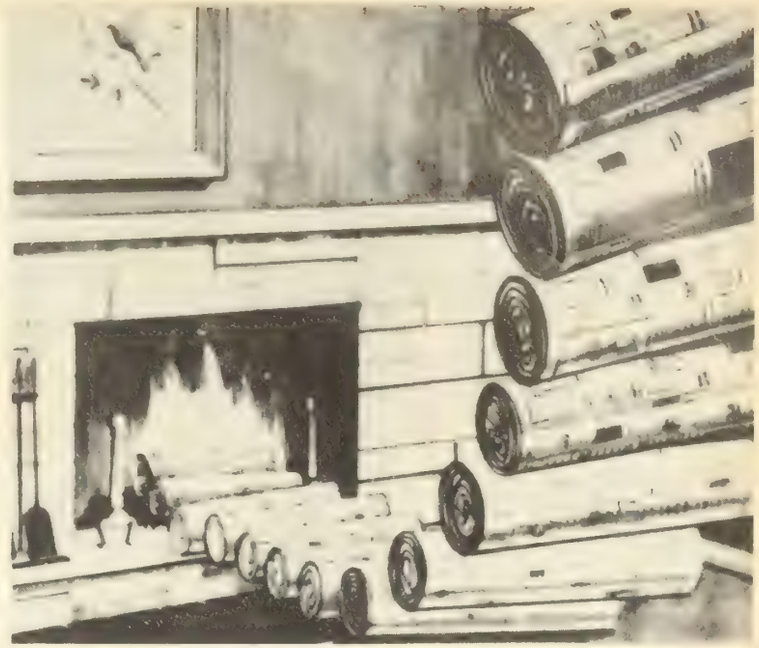


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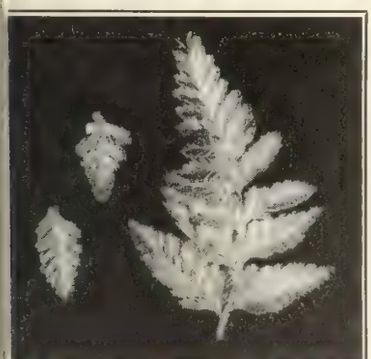


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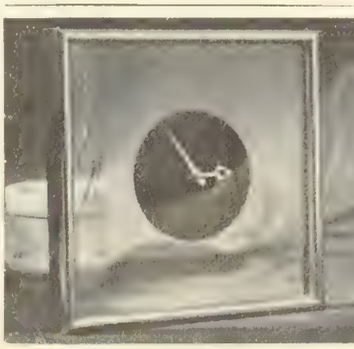
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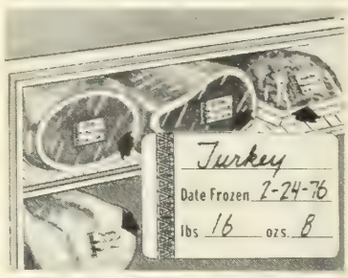
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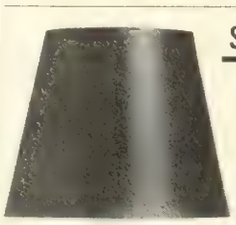
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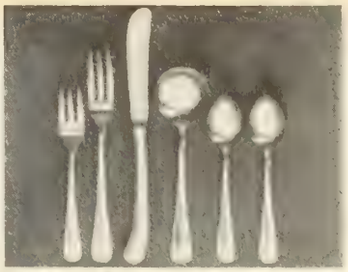
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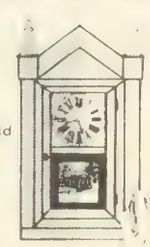
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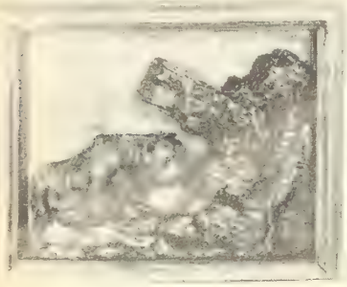


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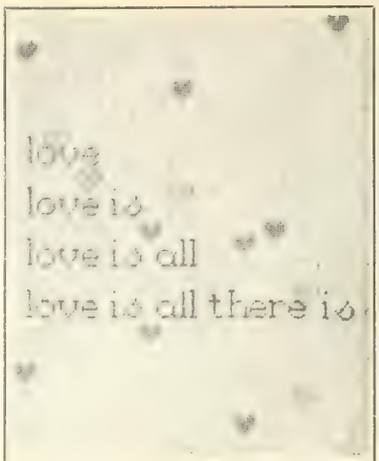
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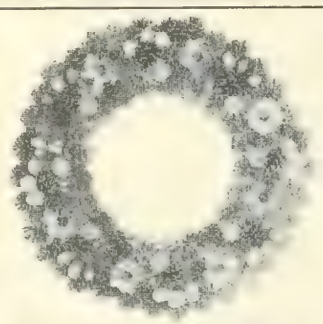
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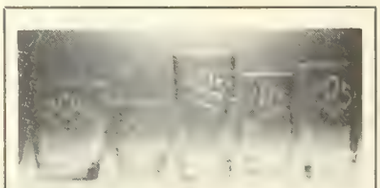


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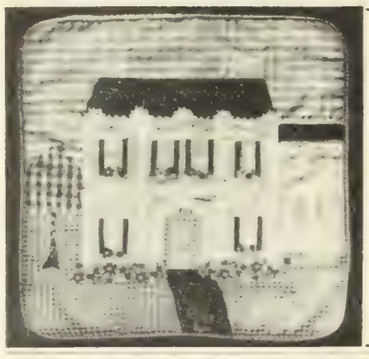
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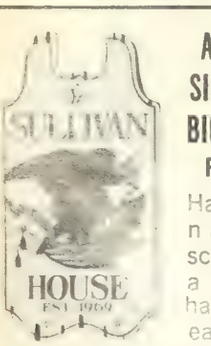
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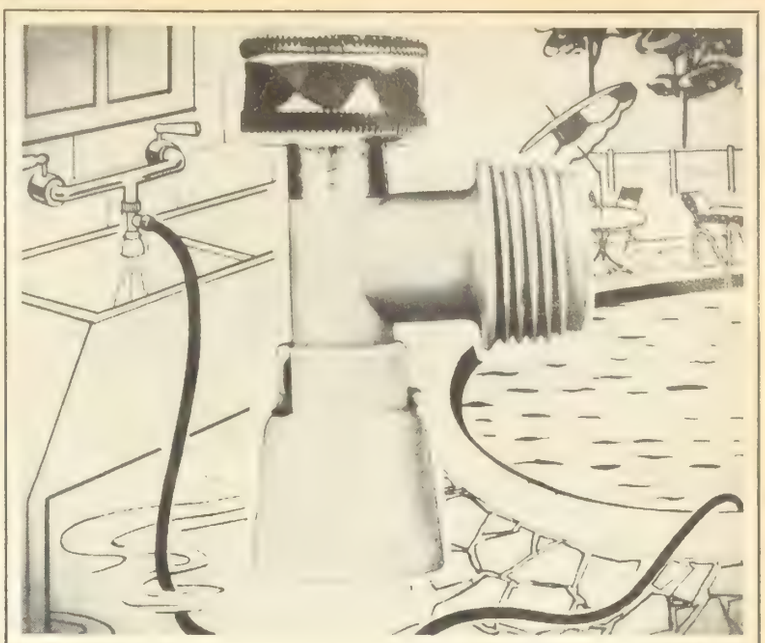


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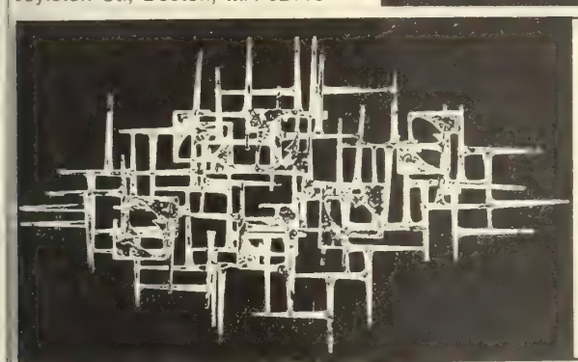
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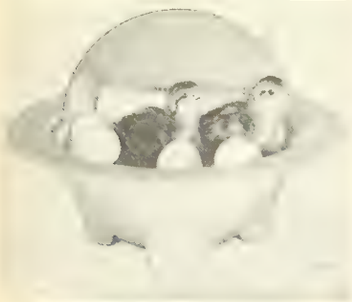
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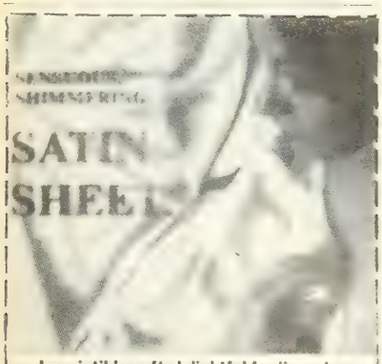
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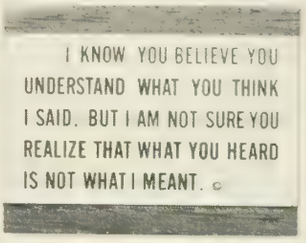
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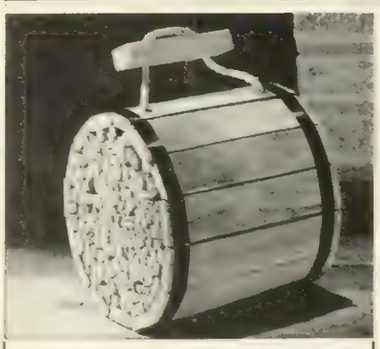
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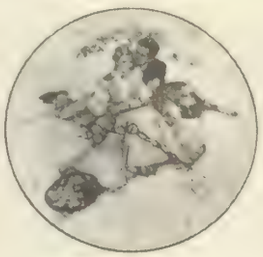
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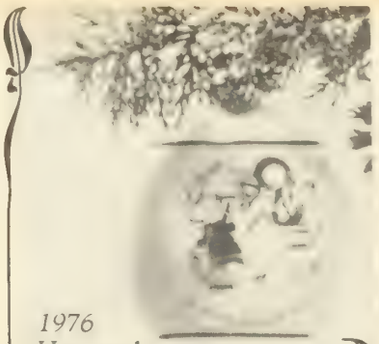
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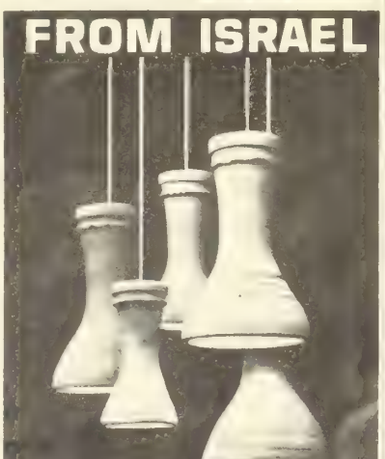
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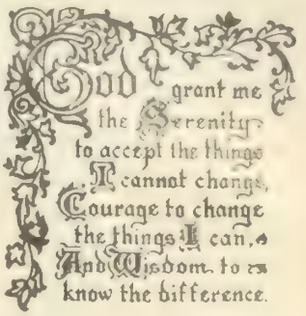


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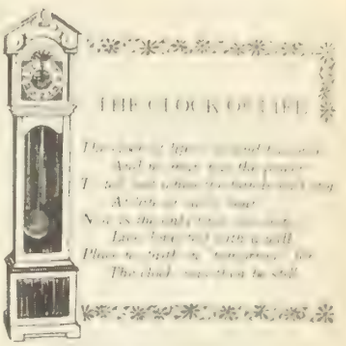
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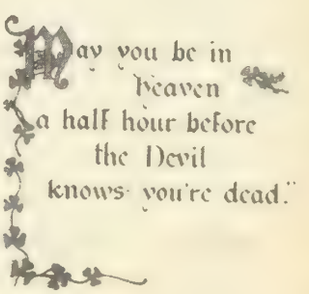
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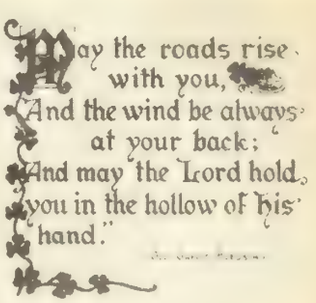
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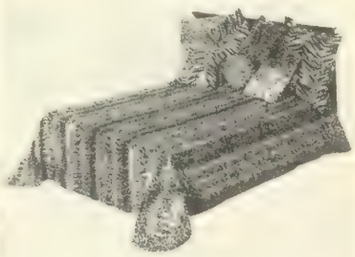
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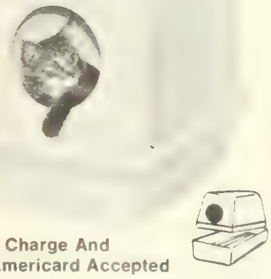
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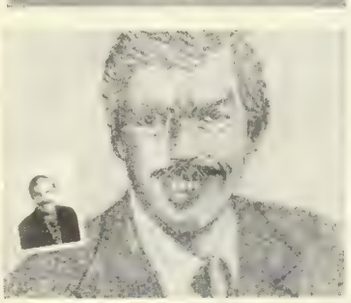
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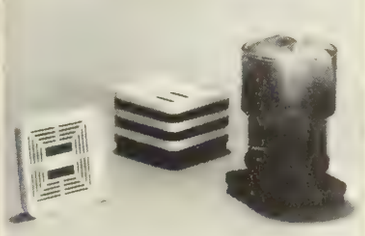


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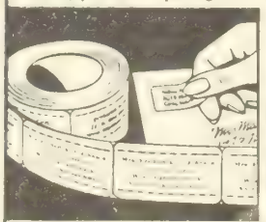
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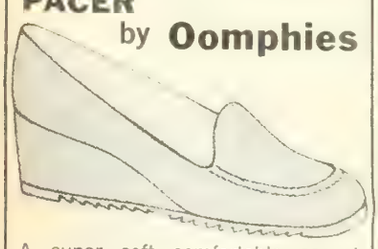


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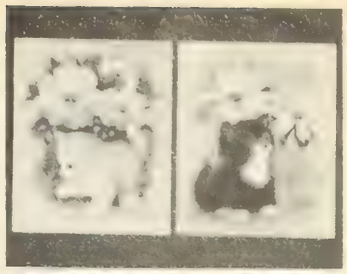
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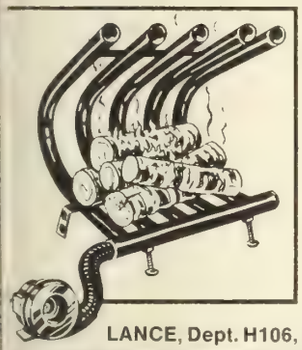
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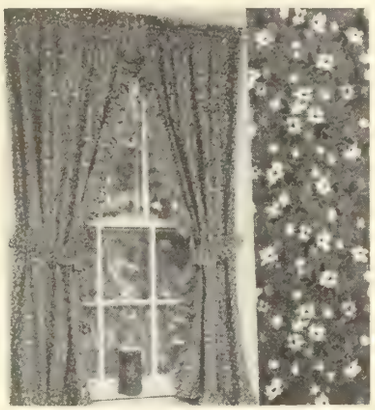


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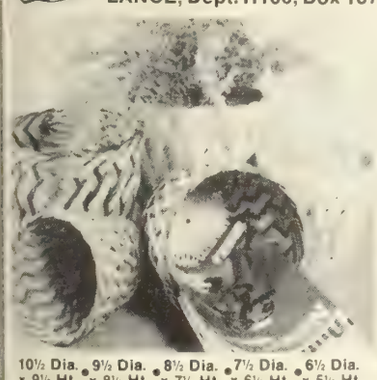
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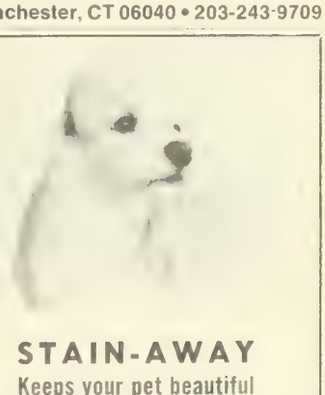
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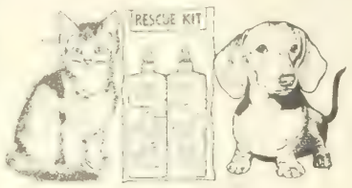
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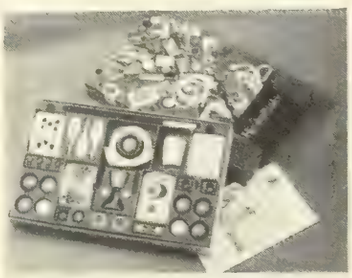
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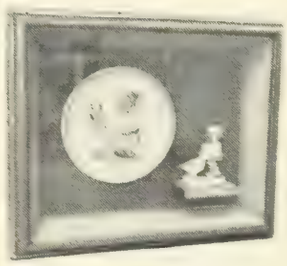


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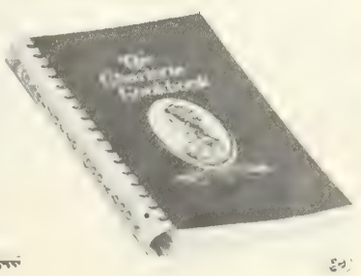
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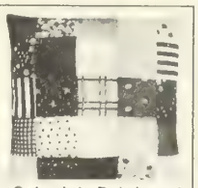
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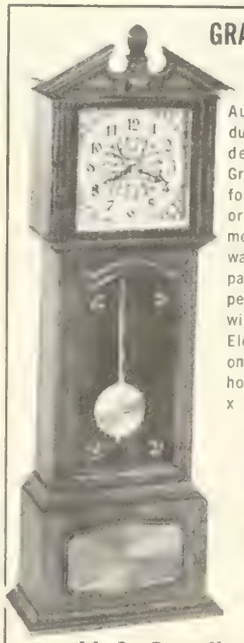


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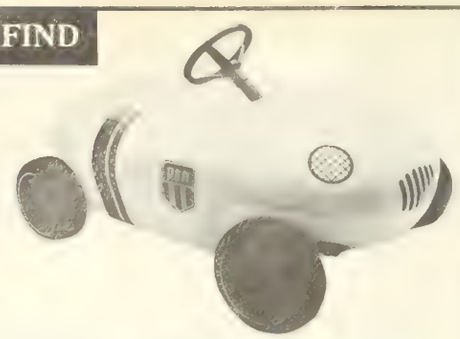
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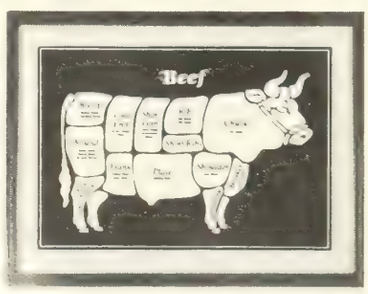
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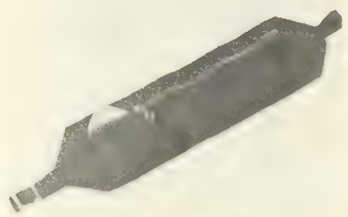
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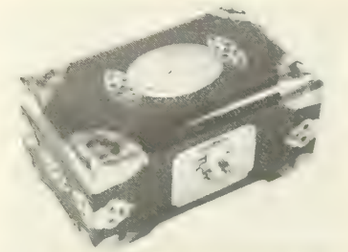
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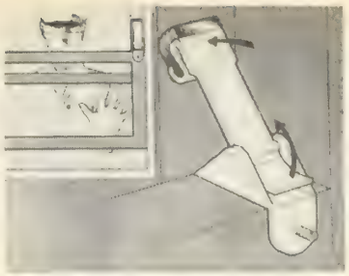
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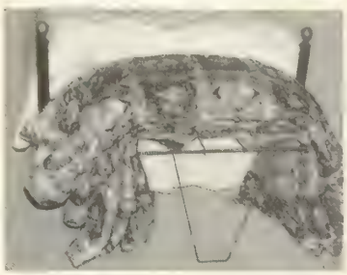
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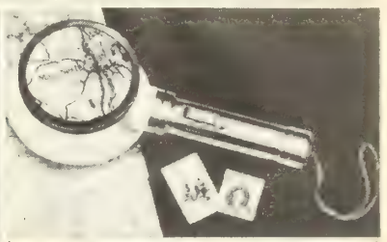
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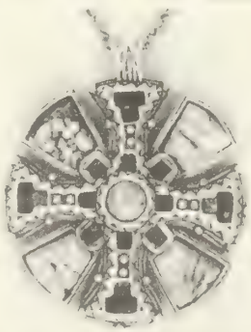
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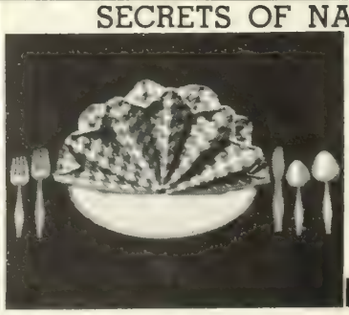
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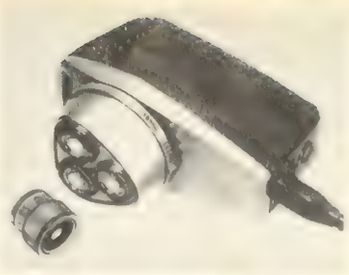
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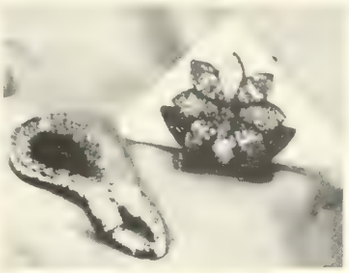
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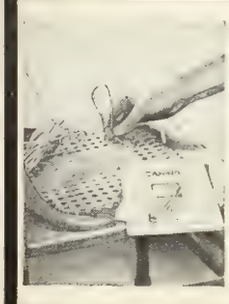
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Living room: Sofa, from original Syrie Maugham design, and big chairs designed by Michael Taylor. Floral fabric by **Duralee.*** Suede fabric, **Pacific Hide and Leather.*** Giacometti coffee table through **Barbara Lockhart Inc.*** Stool is Chippendale reproduction by **Minton-Spidell.*** Small red table at **Kreiss Ports of Call,** 8445 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 90069. *Dining room:* The placemats and plates, **Kreiss Ports of Call.** Short wine glasses, **Baccarat,** 55 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Candlesticks, **Geary's,** 351 Beverly Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210. Animal figurines, **The Egg And I,** 5814 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036. *Breakfast room:* Portuguese pottery plates and napkins, **Kreiss Ports of Call.** Dishes, **Geary's.** *Master bedroom:* All fabrics, **S.M. Hexter.*** Platters, baskets, chairside tables, **Kreiss Ports of Call.** Chairs, **Gump's,** 250 Post St., San Francisco 94108. Table lamps, **Todesca-Wilhoit.*** Tree from **David Jones Flower Shop,** 8591 West Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 90069. *Brown bedroom:* Bed fabric, **Duralee.*** Indian cotton chair fabric, **Clark and Burchfield Inc.*** Stool, **Minton-Spidell.*** *Bar:* Throw pillow fabric, **Old World Weavers.*** Chair and sofa fabric, **Clark and Burchfield.*** Sofa design by Michael Taylor.

Pages 67-71—Halston

All sheeting by **Fieldcrest** and **McCall's** patterns available nationally at department stores. Rug, **Saxony Carpet Co. Inc.*** Lamp on bedside table on page 69, bottom right, from **B. Altman & Co.,** Fifth Avenue at 34th Street, N.Y.C. 10018. Lamp on page 71, middle right, **Nessen Lamps Inc.***

Pages 72-77—Graceful

Furniture throughout, **Drexel Heritage.** Wallpaper, **First Editions.*** Carpeting, **Columbus Mills. Franciscan** "Terre Grande" floor tiles, **Interpace Corp.*** Upholstery fabrics of **Celanese** fibers by **Wamsutta-Doblin.** "SuperSuede Plus" of Arnel/Fortrel by **Fab Industries Inc.** "Bacchus" Fortrel undercurtains by **Anju Fabric Co.** "Malibu" Fortrel draperies and trim by **Riverdale.** Sheeting of polyester/cotton by **Cannon Mills.** Lamps from **Burdine's,** 22 E. Flagler St., Miami 33131. Mirror and shell, **The Rudolph Collection.*** Plants and flowers, **Elliot and Co.,** 3612 N.E. Second Ave., Miami 33137. Dinner plates by **Little Jones Co.** Napkins and rings, **Elisa Daggs,** 38 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Batik pillows in den, **The Eclectic Eye,** 137 N.E. 40th St., Miami 33137. Artwork, **Art Sources Inc.,** 2101 Gulf Life Tower, Jacksonville, Fla. 32207. Fabric installation, **Ray Nicholas,** Creative Fabric Services, Miami 33137.

Pages 85-91—As you like it

Page 85: Painted floor by **Michael Murdolo,** 14 Floral St., Chatham, N.J. 07928. Chaise longues, **Cy Mann Designs.*** Screen from **I. Schwartz Glass and Mirror Co. Inc.*** Fireplace accessories, **Edwin Jackson Inc.*** Parsons table, lamp, camel sculpture, **Greenbaum Brothers,** 101 Washington Ave., Paterson, N.J. 07503. Temple hanging and big pillows, **Karl Mann Associates Inc.*** Foo dogs and hexagon table, **Turks Antiques,** 333 Silverside Ave., Little Silver, N.J. 07739. Obelisks from **Bloomingdale's,** 1000 Third Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. Plants, **The Plant Hanger,** 4 Riverside Ave., Red Bank, N.J. *Page 86—top:* Indian kilim carpet, **Stark Carpet Corp.*** Furniture and accessories from **Charles R. Dear's Ambiente,** Tuckahoe Lane, Southampton, N.Y. 11968. The Latania cube, **Harvey Probber Inc.*** Painting by Kenzo Okada, **Betty Parsons Gallery,** 24 W. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10019. Silver tea service, **Tiffany & Co. Inc.,** 727 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. *Bottom:* "Tita" wallcovering and curtains, natural linen on sofa, "Merline" fabric on armless chair, "Spatter" pillow and desk chair fabric, **Hinson & Co.*** Chauffeuse, **Frederick P. Victoria.*** Horse pictures, **Stair & Co.,** 59 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Lamps, **Christopher Chodoff,** 127 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Sisal rug, **Rosecore Carpet Co. Inc.*** Accessories, **Karl Springer Ltd.*** *Page 87—top left and right:* Random-patch quilt by **Jan Belson.*** Headboard and table lamps by **Chapman Mfg. Co.*** Floor lamp, **Tyndale Inc.,** through **Allen-Deland Ltd.*** Night stands, **Martin of London Inc.*** Semainier, **Louis G. Sherman.*** Desk, **Sligh-Lowry.** "Delightful" wallpaper from **C.W. Stockwell Inc.*** "Papillon" cotton fabric, **Margowen Inc.,*** through **Jay Clark.*** Coffee table, **Smith & Houchins Inc.*** *Bottom:* All furniture and fabric ("Wickertree" on sofa, "Cane" on the side chairs, "Raffia" on Parsons table), **Selig.** *Page 88—top:* All fabrics except edging on draperies, **Robert Tait Fabrics Corp.*** Silk edging on draperies from **Scalamandré Silks Inc.*** Rug from Dick Ridge's "Sporting Collection" for **Phoenix Carpet Co. Inc.*** Cocktail table, **Karl Springer Ltd.*** All picture frames, **Bellport House Ltd.,** 146 South Country Rd., Bellport, N.Y. 11713. All accessories, **Richard L. Ridge Interior Design.** *Bottom:* Wicker furniture, **Deutsch Inc.*** Abstract by Gabriel Halevi, cocktail table, cube, sofa and chairs through **Bob Patino Associates.** Printed chair fabric, **Brunschwig**

& Fils Inc.* Lamp from **Hansen Lamps.*** Carpet, **Rosecore Carpet Co. Inc.***

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Page 91: All furniture, "American Masterpiece Collection," **Hickory Furniture Co.** Lamps, **Murray Feiss Lamp Corp.*** "Bokarra" fabric on bed, "Lotus" drapery fabric, "Kashan," "Samarkand" on chairs, all **Riverdale.** Clock by **Ridgeway Clocks,** division of **Gravely Furniture.** Carpet, **A. Leon Capel and Sons Inc.*** Picture, **Nettle Creek Shops,** 6 W. 56th St., N.Y.C.

Pages 98-103—Vitality

The general contractors: **Garson-Bergman,** 80 E. 11th St., N.Y.C. 10010. Cabinetwork throughout, **Bill Speilvogel,** 110-10 91st Ave., Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11418. Carpet throughout, **Lord and Adams;*** installation, **Hudson Carpet.*** Recessed lighting by **Edison Price.*** Custom lighting by **Harry Gitlin.*** Cold cathode lighting, **National Cathode Corp.*** Planting, **Everett-Conklin;* The Grassroots Garden,** 75 University Place, N.Y.C. 10001. *Living room:* Coffee table, **Intrex Inc.*** Hi-fi system, **Martin Audio,** 320 W. 46th St., N.Y.C. 10018. Pillows, **The Pillowry,** 929 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. All "Levolor Riviera" blinds, **Levolor Lorentzen Co.** *Dining area:* Slate-and-granite table, **Domestic Marble Co.*** "Quatrefoil" bowl, **Heller Designs.** *Bathroom:* Fixtures by **American Standard Co.** Fittings, **Speakman Co.** Tile, **American Olean Tile Co.** *Kitchen:* Stainless steel double sinks, **Elkay Mfg. Co.** Dishwashers, **KitchenAid,** division of **Hobart Corp.** Refrigerator/freezer, **Sub-Zero Freezer Co. Inc.** Electric cooktop, ovens, warming drawers, **Thermador,** division of **Norris Industries.** Gas cooktop, **Chambers,** subsidiary of **Rangaire Corp. Marimekko** fabric and pillows, **Design Research Inc.,** 53 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022.

Pages 106-107—Braden

Carafes and bud vases, **Azuma,** 666 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C. 10022.

Pages 153-160—Plants

Rain bottle at **Design Research.** Plastic humidity tray, and "Sav-A-Plant," **Beh Housewares.*** Featherrock planter, **Far Out Cactus,** 581 Sixth Ave., N.Y.C. ■

WINES

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Country Red, Christian Brothers Burgundy, Segesta (red), the M. LaMont California Ruby Cabernet, the Ecu Royal Claret Reserve, Almadén Zinfandel, Summit Burgundy, Eleven Cellars Vino Fino Red would be some possibilities in these categories, suitable for cookouts, picnics, pastas in tomato sauce, shish-kebab, scalloped turkey.

Light-bodied but drier reds also could serve with those dishes, as well as with more substantial roast beef, steaks, turkey or chicken with holiday trimmings, cheeses, lamb, light stews, Coq au Vin, heartier veal. You might try Charles Krug Claret, Paul Masson Burgundy (extremely dry), Rusticano, Los Hermanos Mountain Zinfandel (a terrific all-purpose red), Louis Martini Mountain Red, Italian Swiss Colony Barbera and Cabernet Sauvignon, Robert Mondavi Red Table Wine and the Sebastiani Zinfandel. Some American Chiantis, like Barberas or Barberones, would be in this category, though these can vary widely in sweetness and body.

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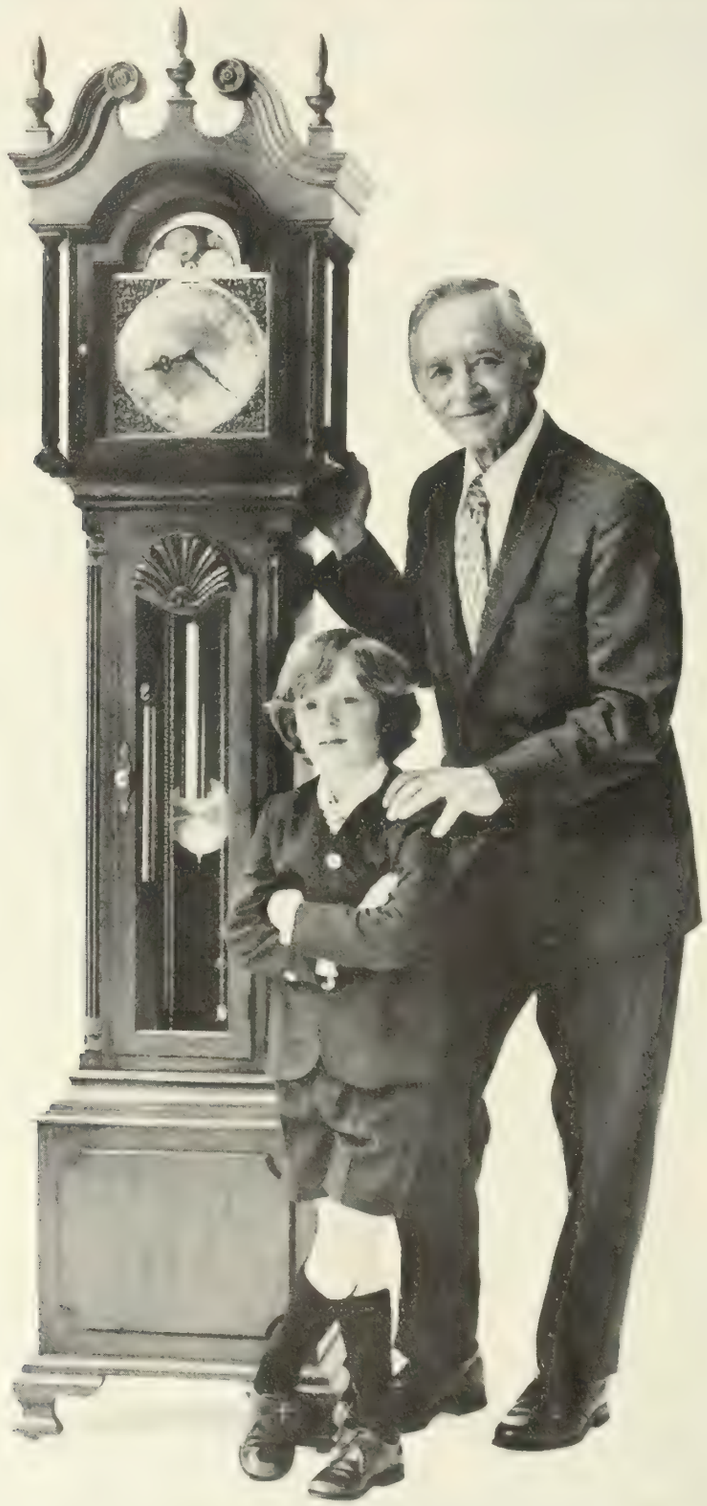


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THE ART IS IN THE VIEWING

By MICHAEL DRURY □ One day in New York a woman waited in the entry to a cellar restaurant for a summer storm to pass. Because the stairs stepped down from the street, she was at eye level with the pavement. She had long known, of course, that rain splashed and vaguely supposed it did so in a circular plop, as if it were falling into a lake. Now, from a place her eyes had never been before, she saw that rain pelting on a hard surface went up as it came down, like a thousand silver knife-blades.

She stood transfixed by this fresh view of something seen

Art urges us to look with a fresh eye

unnumbered times—and never seen at all. She was startled by the fact itself and by her own capacity to perceive it, as if seeing were a new-found gift.

What that woman did by accident, art urges us to do on purpose: to discard old habits of seeing and view with fresh eyes; to find our own faculty of vision to be a miracle. All our senses are wonderful at first, but often delight gets lost in utility. This is no cause for dismay; it is a natural pattern of development. To freeze sense impressions at the level of childish pleasure is neither maturity nor art. But to confine them afterward to efficiency is to shut out half their function and much of the joy in living.

The relationship between a human being and his universe is meant to be a kind of love affair and, like any romance, its first component is response. And response means simply not taking something for granted.

When something you do see pleases you—a sunset, a pie you are taking from the oven, the living room before a party, —pause and try to see the separate visual elements of that pleasure. It could be the circular pie against a rectangular countertop; the way light cuts across the rug, picking out texture; an exact shade of blue that makes your eyes and skin glow. Other feelings and senses

If art were not a quality in everyone, artists would have no audience except one another

will enter into this, but skip them for the moment. The endeavor here is to see more consciously.

In a book called *The World of Light*, John Stewart Collis defines imagination as "the power to see what is there." If this power seems elusive and awkward, try this: Make a kind of frame of your hands, held upright, the fingers closed and the thumbs out at right angles, touching or over-lapping. It will form a U-shaped frame with no top piece. With your hands out at arm's length, close one eye and slowly "pan" this frame across any view before you. Film directors do this. It shuts out clutter and helps to form composition. Art isn't for the select few but for the selective eye. The living world confronts us with a thousand pictures every waking moment. In order to see them, we must learn to choose among them.

Anything that helps to frame what you see helps you to see what is there. Try looking out a window from across a room. Walk slowly past so that you create different arrangements of what (*Continued on page 20*)

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How to raise money for a community group

By MARION GOUGH □ **One of the incontrovertible facts of American life is that one day you will find yourself on a committee to raise money for a good cause. They caught you in a weak moment and you said yes. And yet another incontrovertible**

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fact is that you'll do it—willingly, enthusiastically, gloating like a miser over every penny that comes into the coffers, as personally concerned as if the money raised were going into your own bank account. You, of course, are one of this country's proudest possessions—a member of that hard core of concerned citizenry that rises to the occasion, volunteering time, effort and personal involvement when it's needed.

So—you're on the committee. The school needs a new roof; there's a day care center that needs support; the library needs books; there's a landmark to be restored—whatever the project, big or small, it's your job to figure out the most likely way to separate people from their money for the good of the cause. There are indeed professional fund raisers, experienced in the ways of getting wallets to open up, who will, for a fee, counsel and direct volunteer workers. Their services can be most effective if the project is a large one and the fund raising goal high. But we're addressing ourselves to the more usual, home-grown kind of fund raising and taking a look at some of the methods that have been tried and found to work successfully.

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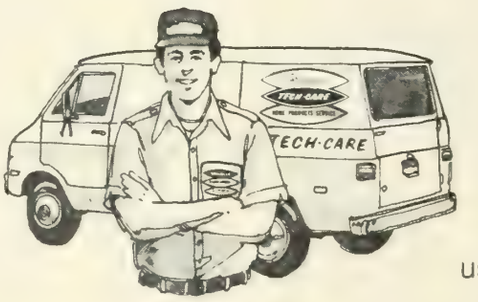
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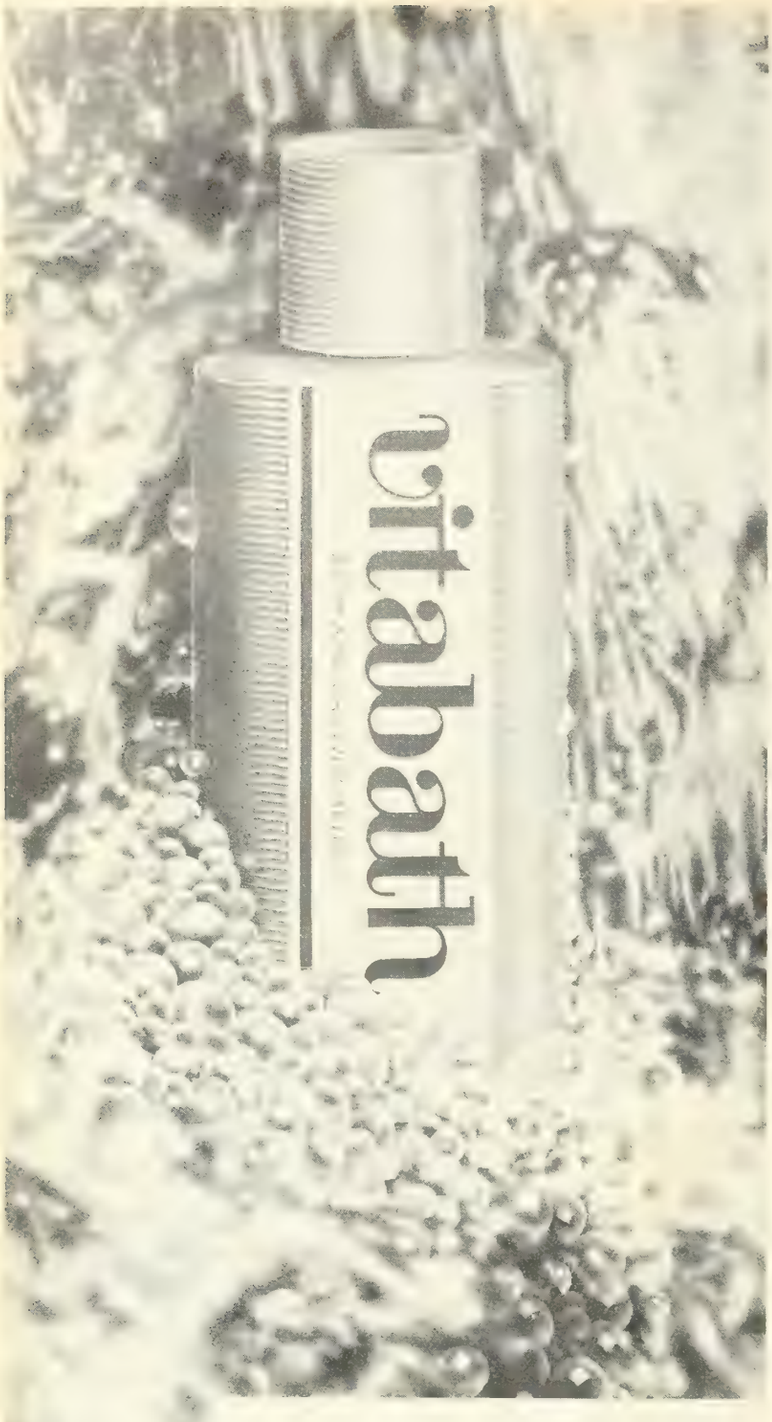
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is outside. One will appeal more than others. Stop. Think with your eyes. See the lines and how they converge; consider the colors, the shadows, the pinpricks of light, the humps, the flats. ***I know a woman who,*** when dressing to go out, makes a still life on top of her bed of what she will wear—dress, bag, shoes, gloves, jewelry, stockings. If it satisfies her as a minor work of art, she feels it will satisfy others to look at her. I like to peel fruits and vegetables on a cutting board and push the leavings around to make an abstract pattern. Sometimes I try to imitate modern painters whose works I know. Rhubarb strings make for a Jackson Pollock and cucumber peelings echo a Louise Nevelson sculpture. It all gets scraped into the trash in a few minutes, but it also sharpens my ability to see design and to make it.

And that is the next stage, the realization that art isn't something that happens to you but something to participate in. Art is a reciprocal event, a give-and-take that human beings achieve both by encounter with works of art and by sensibilities honed to awareness of any surroundings.

As a child, I used to be dropped off at an art museum to occupy myself for a couple of hours while my elders transacted business elsewhere. Paintings began to work on me simply as familiar objects long before I had any idea what art might be. But it can happen the other way. I once took a pair of farm youngsters on their first visit to the Chicago Art Institute. They were uneasy about this strange place, but they had learned to look by 15 years of living close to the land. They began to exclaim, "Why, that's the view from Gordon's Creek!" and "Look, there's the hay crew at lunchtime!" Abstract paintings baffled them but I explained that this, too, was a way of looking. Outside, I pointed to the scalloped roofs of colored taxis in a traffic jam as a potential abstract picture, and they could see it.

Literary Critic Granville Hicks once said, "The more completely you yield yourself . . . to a work of art, the less likely it is that your own experience will be wasted on you." The reason for art, great or small, is to give our lives value and it is for us to acknowledge that value with something like gratitude. Some say that art is the last consideration of man, after food, shelter and other necessities. Perhaps; but how then do we account for the Paleolithic cave paintings, for the impulse toward beauty older than the record of time?

If art were not a native quality in every human being, those workers called artists could have no audience except one another. The commonplace capacity for art needs only to be awakened and what is the first thing you do upon waking? You open your eyes and look.

HOW TO RAISE MONEY

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carefully made up of the best possible prospective contributors. ***Street-side collection*** is another direct approach, requiring booths or tables, well-made signs that tell the purpose and dependable volunteers working in shifts, two or three to a team, with someone on hand to keep an eye on the cash and carry it off at intervals to a place of safe keeping. It also requires permission from the city fathers.

Fund raising events take a lot more effort, but their great come-on is that they offer the subscribers some fun for their money. When people loosen up, their bankrolls tend to loosen up, too. These occasions are made to order for getting them to sign pledges for future contributions, take chances on door prizes or buy raffle tickets, preferably on something big, handsome or glamorous that the committee has been able to acquire gratis. A smart committee chairman staffs the committee with persuasive people who are not shy about using their contacts and asking point blank for free goods and services, since the main goal is to make as much money as possible with the least expenditure. Even old hands at cadging freebies are continually surprised at what can be gotten for nothing.

Fund-raising luncheons, dinners, charity balls and house tours have been with us for years and in many communities have lost their appeal. For the sake of variety—and more customers—such an event needs dressing up with innovation. The time-honored chicken-and-peas lunch has been turned into a Sunday brunch or a *fête champetre* picnic in a park with box lunches for all and musicians (who'll play (*Continued on page 28*)

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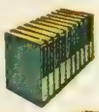
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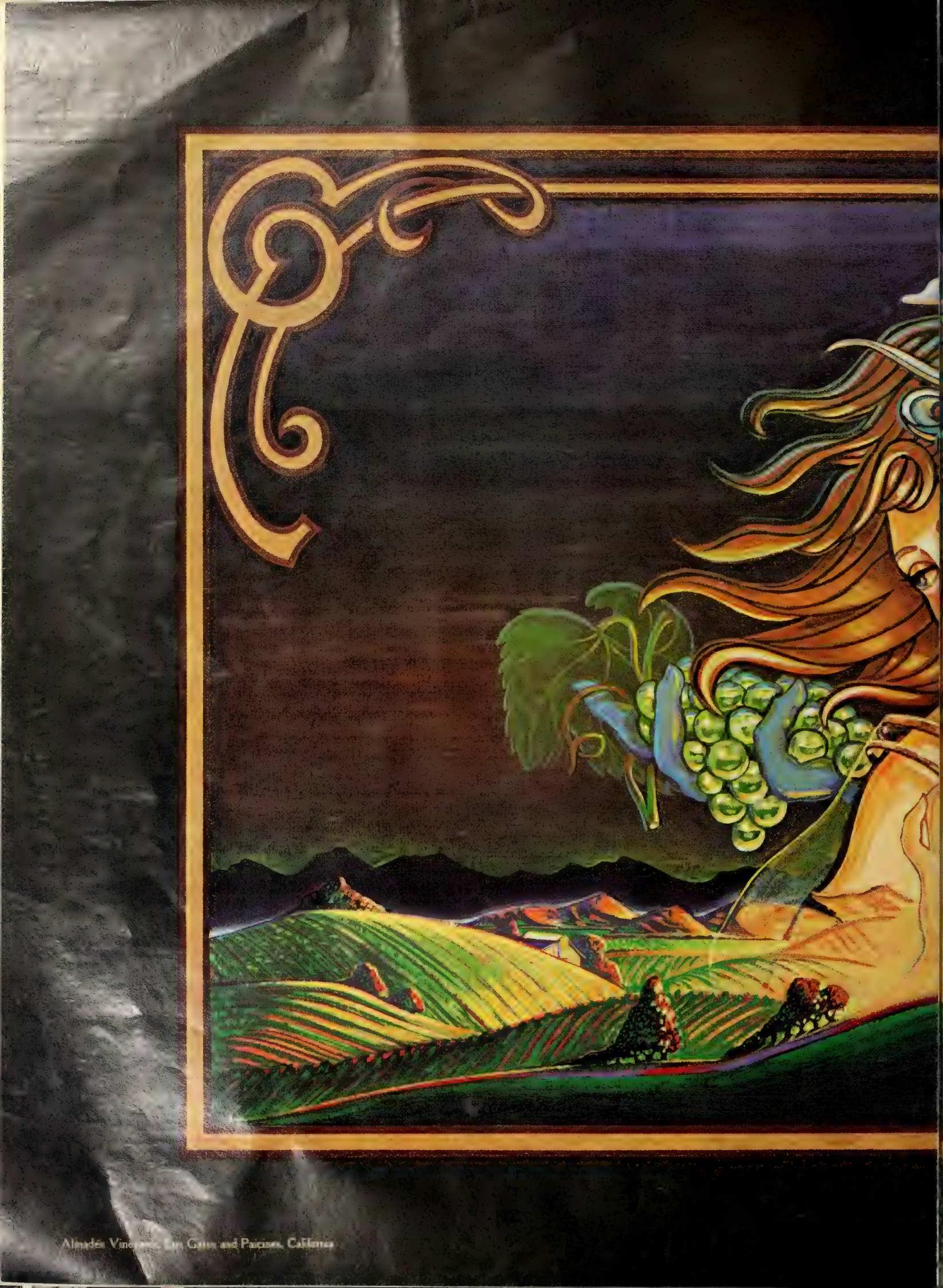
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Another good Saturday event is a Flea Market, a splendid opportunity for all interested parties to clean out their closets and contribute their unused accumulations to the cause. This is a major event, demanding lots of organization and plenty of helpers, for goods have to be solicited, collected, assembled in one depot, price-marked, attractively displayed and sold. It's a more gala affair if it can be held outdoors—some communities will permit a street to be blocked off for this. Refreshment stands for ice cream and drinks, hot dogs sold off a cart and the sale of balloons can add to the profits and the music of an accordionist or guitar player can give it the air of carnival.

Men are also considered bigger gamblers than women, which brings us to "Try Your Luck Night," an increasingly popular fund-raiser. For this, you rent gambling equipment (like roulette wheels), space, and you may need to pay for manpower to man the machines. This is a big investment, but it's said to bring in oodles of money. Chips are sold in $2, $5 and $10 amounts. Check your local authorities on the feasibility of this kind of event in your community. In some places it's perfectly legal to gamble for money. Where this is illegal, the holder of the most chips at the end of the evening wins a great prize like a car, a trip abroad or a cruise. For smaller groups, you could hand out "fun" prizes to the winners. Here again, if you offer some things like dancing, a fortune teller or a magician, you can charge admission besides raking in the money from the gaming tables.

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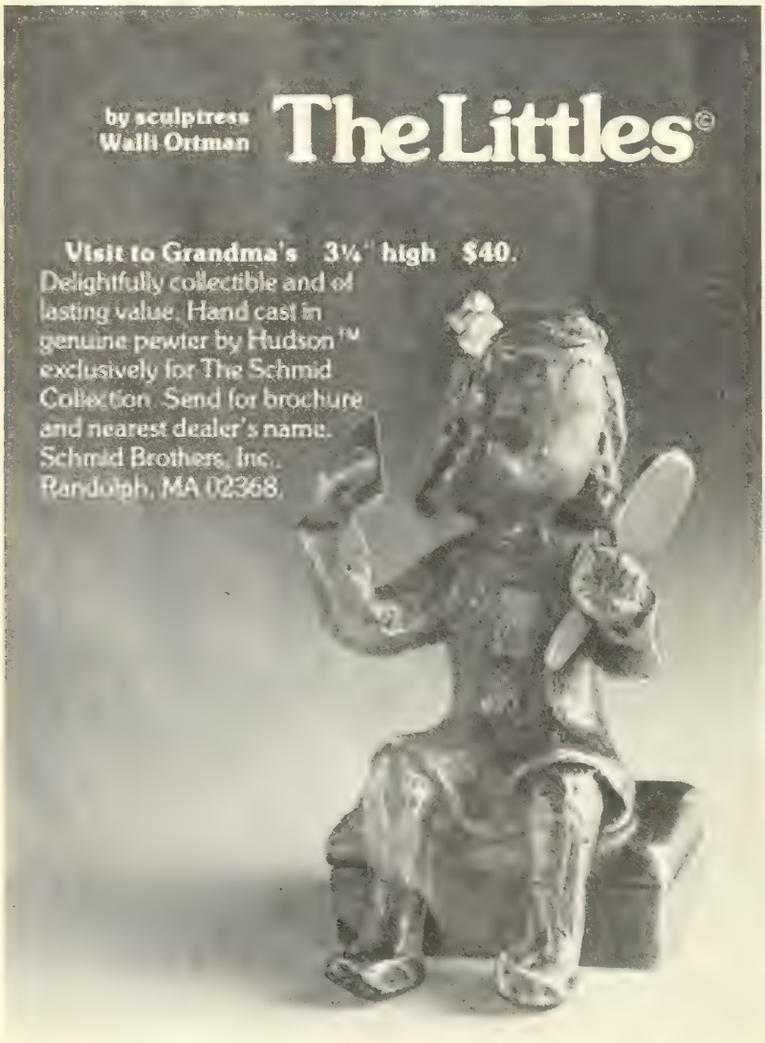
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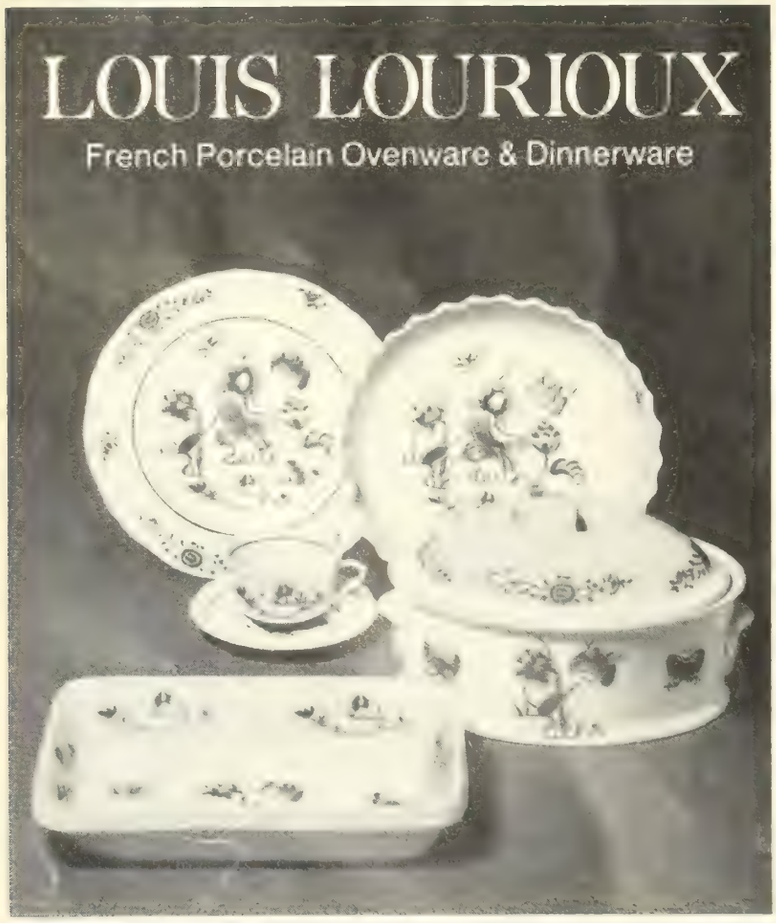
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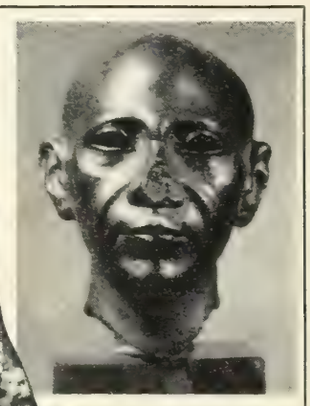
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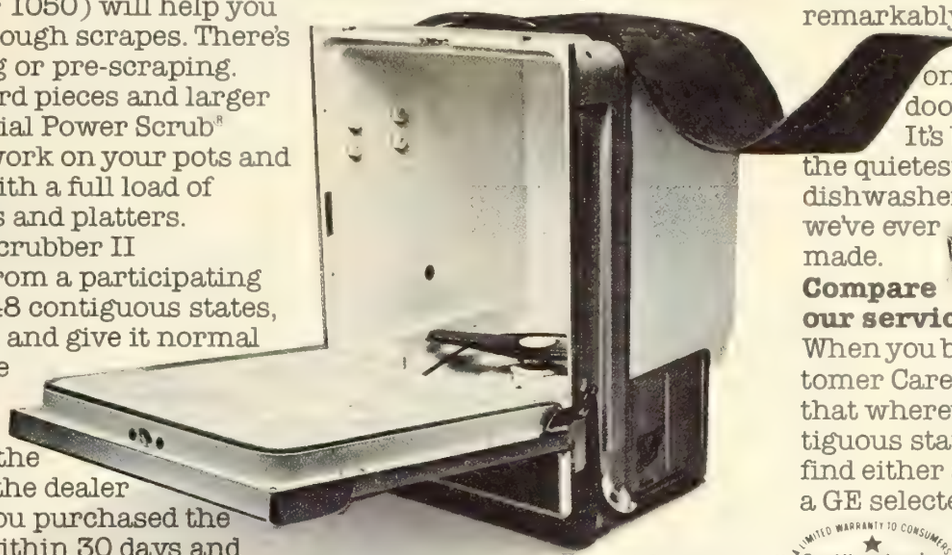
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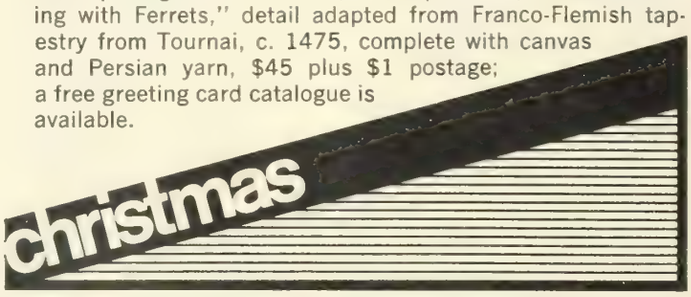
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M.H. DeYoung Memorial Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco 94118—Museum jewelry reproductions: frog from Chicha culture, pin, $4.75, necklace, $5.75; pre-Columbian warrior god, gold electroplated pin, $5, necklace, $6; add 50 cents postage for each item; needlepoint kit, "Rabbit Hunting with Ferrets," detail adapted from Franco-Flemish tapestry from Tournai, c. 1475, complete with canvas and Persian yarn, $45 plus $1 postage; a free greeting card catalogue is available.



For some, thoughts of Christmas float concern and even dread to the surface of the mind. Economics is often the cause for worry and with budgets tighter this year, the number of unhappy holiday planners may increase. There are other reasons for dismay—impending fatigue, for example. Over the years, I've observed and taken part in fulfilling, though unconventional holidays that have, in some way, been as joyful (*Continued*)

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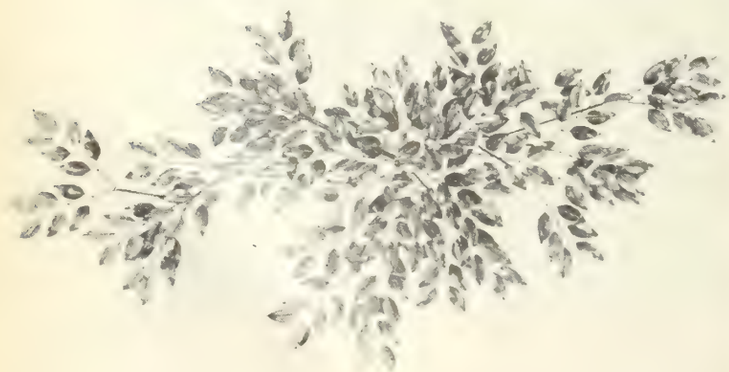
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as traditions tell us they should be. And money often was a problem. Let me share some of the ideas I've gathered that, however heretical, might make your Christmas merrier.

Give gifts, not packages. Pool your resources. Let everyone contribute to a family present. For example: season tickets to the orchestra or a drama series; to pro football or basketball; membership in a tennis or swim club.

Send notes in lieu of cards. I concluded, when we stopped sending Christmas cards, that most people sent us a card because we sent them one and the chance of our exchanging kisses or shaking hands in the next decade was as remote as a commuter ticket to Mars. I was relieved and richer for having stepped off the treadmill. I now send holiday notes or call longtime friends I haven't seen for awhile, and act on the theory that those I do see know I like them because I tell them so. Another smiling Santa isn't going to bring them closer.

Go away. Not to a posh resort where the holiday is likely to be more elaborate and expensive than at home. Pick an off-beat spot where your family can regenerate a closeness consistent with the spirit of the season. For many years now, friends of ours have rented a campsite at a national park on St John's in the Virgin Islands and spent Christmas in a tent on the beach. For a tree, they decorate a nearby palm with native flowers. For dinner, they cook freshly caught fish over a campfire. They limit their gifts to whatever small items can be crammed into a backpack. And for company, they have each other. It's now a permanent family tradition that brings them joy.

Try an untraditional tree. Last year, I decorated our avocado plant (and heard a lot of interesting comments, pro and con, from visitors). We also thought of buying a small live tree in a planting bucket. When the season was over and winter gone, we would plant the tree outdoors. This was vetoed, since we live in a city apartment, although in retrospect, we could easily have donated the tree to the Parks Department.

Entertain easily. Traditions aside, Christmas entertaining doesn't have to be an expensive sit-down dinner or a formal lunch. Brunch is a pleasant alternative. Friends of ours have held a Christmas Eve Day brunch that's become an expected, and for them, simple way to renew old friendships during the holidays. Or try eggnog and cookies on Christmas Eve.

Please your family at Christmas dinner. This is a time I enjoy having the family together. But even though we shared the work of preparation, I usually was exhausted by the time the turkey was carved. It occurred to me several years ago that we really didn't need to repeat the tradition of turkey or goose or ham and 25 side dishes every Christmas. It was the spirit of being together that counted and we could just as easily eat what we liked, even if it were lasagne or fish stew. Nor did we have to stuff ourselves like gluttons. I have to admit that when the children were younger, they didn't like sitting through the long meal. Now that they're well into their teen years, they have plenty of suggestions for substitutes. In fact, this year, we're thinking of having each family member make his favorite dish.

There are many other ways of reducing the economic and stress pressures during the holiday season. Giving gifts one makes, for example (often appreciated more than store-bought gifts), or, as our forebears did, making tree, window and mantel decorations at home. What we've learned in our own family and observed in others is that less is more, to paraphrase Mies van der Rohe. The less we depend on commercialism during this season, the more true spirit wells up within the family. And that, when you come right down to it, was the point of it all in the beginning.

—DOROTHEA HARDING

books

■ Some of the most successful Bicentennial projects have been the shows of American art staged by museums both here and abroad. And, thankfully for those who could not visit these exhibits, a number of show catalogues have been published as important art history books in their own right. Two of the best are **American Art: 1750-1800 Towards Independence** (N.Y. Graphic Society, $22.50), a joint venture (*Continued*)



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between the Yale University Art Gallery in New Haven, Conn., and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, and **200 Years of American Sculpture** (David R. Godine, $35), the Whitney Museum of American Art's Bicentennial celebration.

The first book, written by Yale's American art specialists and profusely illustrated (an example is below), presents an overview of the arts and crafts in America during the time the colonies were moving toward cultural, as well as political, independence. Painting, furniture, metalwork, ceramics and textiles are all included and their ties with—and diversions from—British tradition are detailed.



Portrait of Emma Van Name, c.1795, by an anonymous artist is one of the 324 illustrations in American Art: 1750-1800 Towards Independence *produced by Yale University Art Gallery and London's Victoria and Albert Museum. Oil painting is from the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City.*

200 Years of American Sculpture, also written by museum curators and beautifully illustrated, starts with a discussion of aboriginal American sculpture and then follows the history of art forms in this country: folk art, the 19th-century sculptors' dependence on European models, the experiments with nonfigurative forms during the early 20th century, and the innovations since 1930. Biographies and bibliographies of the 140 sculptors whose works are shown helps make this an important reference work as well as a beautiful art book.

■ We found **The Complete Book of Houseplants & Indoor Gardening** (Crown, $16.95) to be everything promised on the flap of the dust jacket—and more. It is, in fact, the best general guide yet published on gardening indoors. The 350 color photographs are superbly reproduced and a major number of them show how to decorate with plants. In addition, there are 150 color and black-and-white drawings, most of which show, in step-by-step sequence, how to plant, propagate or otherwise care for plants. The color photographs of insects and diseases are alone worth the price of the book. Although produced in England, the book has been edited for the U.S. market by Edwin M. Steffek, former editor of *Horticulture,* and we think it applicable to the indoor gardens and gardeners of this country.

■ A beautiful Hanukkah gift, **Jewish Life in Art and Tradition** by Yehuda L. Bialer (Putnam, $16.95) is a book to be treasured and referred to all year long. Using objects from the collection of the Sir Isaac and Lady Edith Wolfson Museum at Hechal Shlomo, Jerusaleum, where Bialer is the curator, the author explains the customs and ceremonies that have helped keep the Jewish people together over the centuries. These range from the marriage ceremony and establishment of a new household to the rituals surrounding the funeral and mourning, as well as the cycle of the Jewish year. Clearly, art is and always has been intertwined with the daily life of the Jewish people and this book, with objects derived from countries ranging from Poland to Yemen, depicts some of the best examples.

■ **Needlepoint 77** by Nancy Noland Kurten, illustrated by Barry Williams (Sign of the Bee, paperback, $4.95) is a calendar that provides 12 floral designs for you to stitch while keeping track of the days. If you sew each month's project together, the result is a beautiful (and original) rug. All directions are included. You may order directly from the publisher, Sign of the Bee, 30 Broadview Farm Rd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141 for $5.50, which includes postage.—ELIZABETH V. WARREN ■



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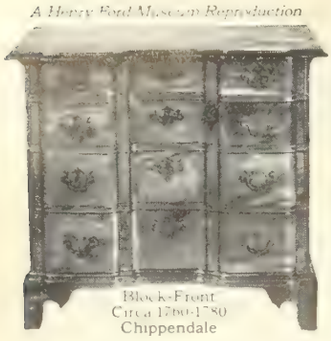
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Editor NANCY CRAIG

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A charming blue-and-white covered tureen *is $65, soup plate, $8, and dinner plate, $12, in the "Blue Cloud" pattern, imported by Ginori Fifth Ave. from Villeroy & Boch in Germany. Handsome Vera table linen completes setting.*



At cocktail or dinner hour, friends love *Presto's miniature "Fry Baby" (left). It's a super-sleek variation on the traditional Oriental or fondue table cookery that will let guests fry their own shrimp or potatoes or cook individual pieces of meat at table. The $26 deep-fat fryer weighs three pounds, is 7½ inches high, holds up to two cups of oil. Plug it in and let everyone play chef. Table linen by Vera pretties shrimp treat we prepared.*

This acrylic wine cradle *from Hammacher Schlemmer would make a lovely gift and an attractive addition to any dinner table. Made of ⅜-inch smoked acrylic, it is lightweight and convenient for holding and pouring wine; about $10. The tablecloth shown here is by Vera, the wine glasses from Hammacher Schlemmer.*





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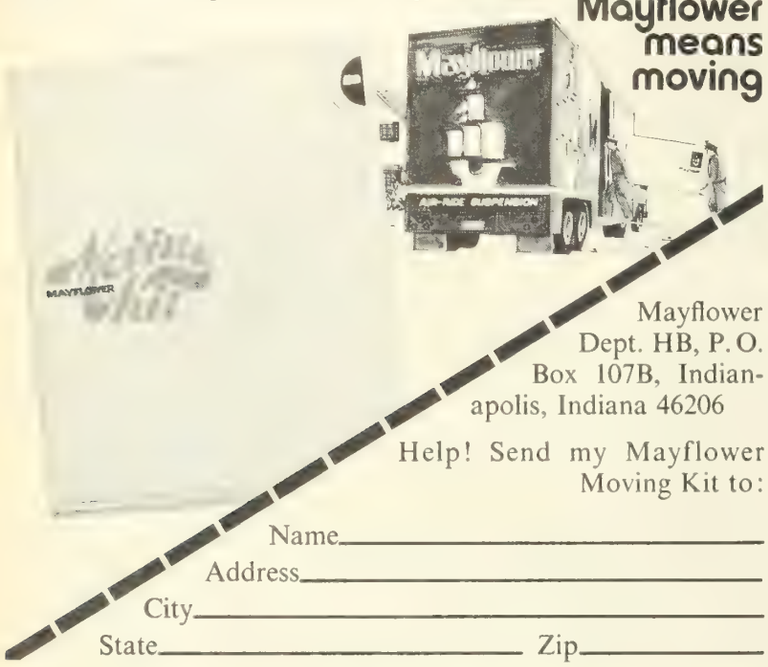
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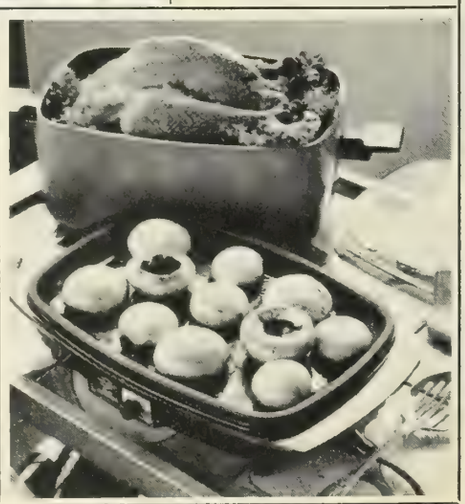
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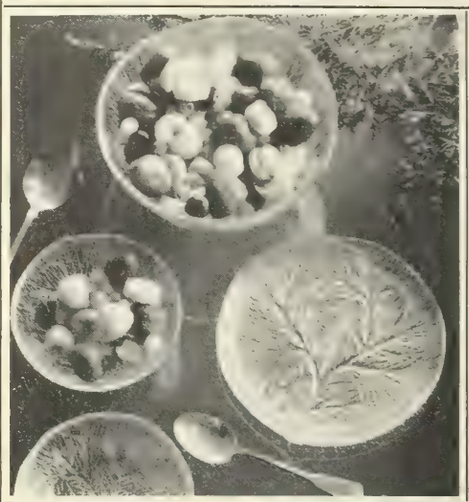
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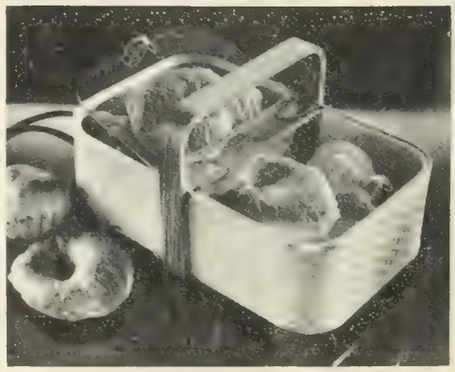




Use it for cooking or for keeping food hot. *Nordic's anodized aluminum platter is of heavy-gauge aluminum and fits into its own ebony base to protect hands and table. Stain- and scratch-proof, it's about $7.*

A graceful coaster for any wine, this holder *from Hammacher Schlemmer is hand-woven of silver-plated wire and has a tarnish-resistant finish. Here presenting the special Centennial Chardonnay bottled in honor of Beringer Vineyards' 100th anniversary, the coaster is 4¾ inches wide, about $15.*





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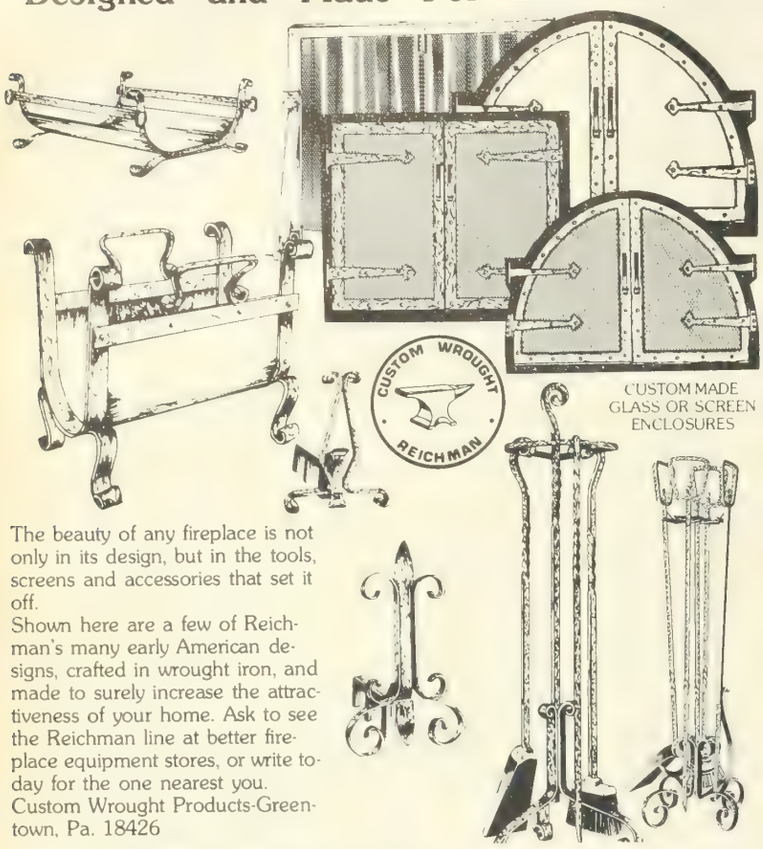


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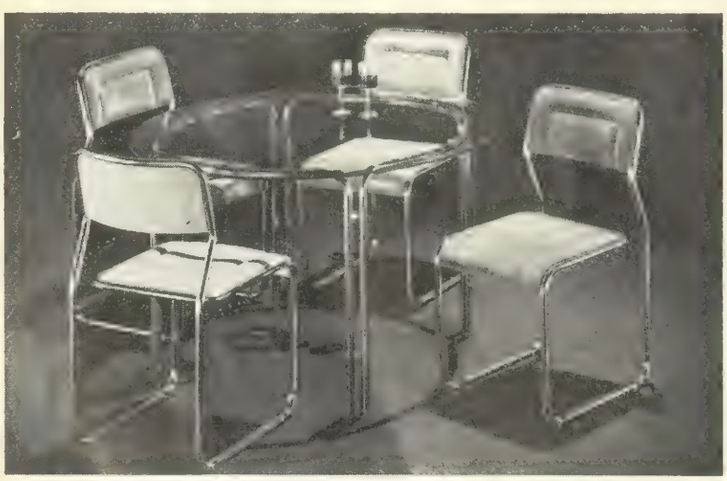
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Research is high on the list of activities at companies making home tools. They want to know what frustrates homeowners in the process of making small repairs or putting up new shelving. For example, the cordless drill below is a result of learning that most people don't relish dragging a wire and one or two extensions behind to drill one hole at a point some distance from a wall plug. And, the cordless is also a safer tool.

The collection of tools discussed here has been carefully selected as examples that do meet maintenance and remodeling needs around the house or apartment and are examples of problem-solving research.



CORDLESS drill recharges in one hour, even less with a special battery pack. By Black & Decker, tool is made in five power and size variations; from $60 to $110.



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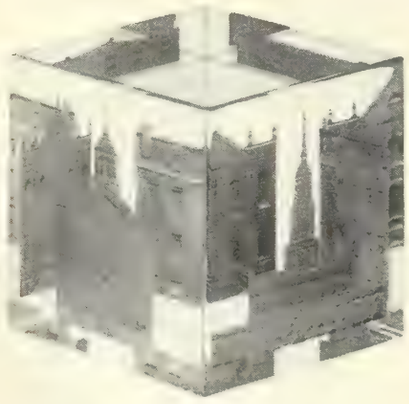
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NEW SCRAPER gets into crevices sandpaper misses. Interchangeable blades fit just about any contour of molding or window casing. Called Shape-Skrape, unit is about $3.

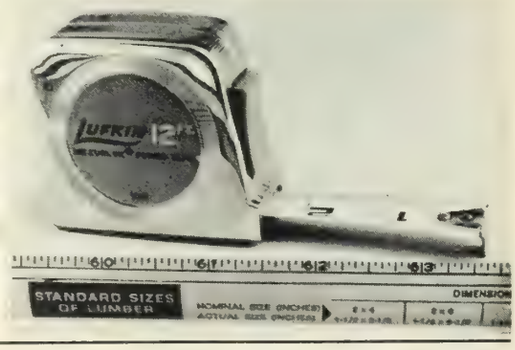
DRIVING SCREWS but without breaking the screw-head slot is a trick that takes long experience to master. You can manage the same trick with Grip 'n Drive, a new screwdriver that holds the blade in the screw slot with one twist of a locknut on the driver shaft. Sold in a set of three sizes to fit almost every screw used for household repairs, the set is under $10.50. For more information, write to Turner Distributing at 1723 Stevens St., Indianapolis 46227.

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WALL-TO-WALL carpet installation ordinarily is better left to professionals. One wrong cut could damage hundreds of dollars worth of carpet. But in a small space the risk is less. Knowing that, Kinkead has put together a do-it-yourself carpet installation kit for laying down cushion-back or indoor/outdoor carpet up to eight feet square. Contains a professional cutting knife, other tools, instructions, about $7; kits generally available where carpets are sold.

SEARCHED EVERYWHERE for just the right drawer-pull? Why not make your own? The means to do it is easier since Dremel developed its miniature lathe. Called Moto-Lathe, their new model is only 15⅝ inches long and weighs a mere nine pounds. With its 3,450 RPM electric motor, the lathe is ideally suited to turning out chess figures, custom buttons, bead jewelry, hand mirror handles, plus doll house furniture and parts for model ships and airplanes. The lathe sells for under $40. An accessory-kit selling for close to $16 includes four hardened steel chisels, 12 assorted six-inch hardwood dowels, a faceplate, a wood screwdriver center and a honing stone. Or you can buy accessories and lathe together for approximately $55. ■

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The Zucchini and Carrot Cookbook by our friend Ruth Conrad Bateman (Ward, Ritchie Press, $4.95) stresses the joys of good fresh food cooked simply and appealingly. What's fascinating about this book is the scope of the dishes you can make with just these two vegetables, which, as the author points out, are with us year-round, year-in and year-out.

Interestingly, the year has produced a nice collection of nostalgia. So, let's start with **The Frugal Colonial Housewife** by Susannah Carter (Doubleday, $4.95). The original book, published in 1772, is, for the most part reproduced here. Like all old cookbooks, quantities are rarely spelled out, leaving a great deal to the cook's imagination, but it is kind of a pleasant challenge after the all-too-often, too-detailed modern books.

The Best of Shaker Cooking by Amy Bess Miller and Persis Fuller (Collier MacMillan Publishers, $5.95) is a collection of authentic recipes from 19th-century Shaker farm kitchens. You'll find a Spiritual Cake and a delicious bit of poetry on *Behaviour at Table* (for children).

Foods of the Frontier, 1776-1976, adapted for present-day use by Gertrude Harris (101 Productions, $4.95). Another excellent book covers "Receipts for Domestic Economy, Cookery, Preserving, Herb-Lore, Pickling, Salting Down, Smoking, The Making of Wine, Brew, Candles & Soap." Charmingly illustrated by Heidi Palmer.

The Farm Cook & Rule Book, Golden Anniversary Edition by Neil B. Nichols (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, $6.95) takes one back to simpler, and in many ways, better times. It's stuffed full with loads of good recipes.

Jake O'Shaughnessey's Sourdough Book by Timothy Firnstahl (San Francisco Book Co. Inc., $4.95) takes you step by step through the intricacies of making sourdough bread, which is, truly, a gustatory delight.

Billy Joe Tatum's Wild Foods Cookbook and Field Guide, edited by Helen Witty (Workman Publishing Co., hard cover, $8.95, paperback $4.95), is in two parts. The first is the field guide to edible wild plants and the second is on cooking the forager's harvest. A fine reference. **Wilderness Cooking** by Berndt Berglund and Clare E. Botsby (Scribner's, $3.95) is a book for the hunter, fisher and trapper with in-depth information on dressing, butchering and curing both game and fish, supported by wilderness cooking and some modernized versions of Indian recipes.

Cutting Up in the Kitchen by Merle Ellis, is subtitled "The Butcher's Guide to Saving Money on Meat & Poultry" (Chronicle Books, $5.95). A practicing butcher, Ellis has written the most comprehensive book on meat and poultry we have ever seen. A veritable goldmine of information, it belongs in every kitchen worthy of the name. We have only one quarrel and that is the time and temperature tables for meat cookery—way out of line!

Right on cue for what currently seems to be a real crêpe craze, **The Woman's Day Crêpe Cookbook** by Sylvia Schur (Fawcett, $5.95) has 32 pages of color photographs plus equipment information and a really splendid collection of recipes.

First You Steal 2 Eggs: 123 Delicious Recipes and Spicy Stories Relished by a Happy Cooker by Hedda Hendrix (Fibonacci, hard cover $9.95, paperback $6.95) is a delightful book with loads of good-sounding recipes.

More on microwave: **The Quick & Easy Microwave Oven Cookbook** by Ginger Scribner (Brooke House, $6.95) strikes us as a sensible approach to a whole new way of cooking. The recipes read well and very imaginatively. **International Gourmet Cooking with Microwave** by Phe Laws (Hidden House/Flash Books, $4.95) is a good idea and fresh, but the author has often departed from the classic recipes and that's unfortunate.

The preserving cookbooks continue to flow in. Here we have four paperbacks: **The Food Preserver** by the Editors of Consumer Guide (Publications International Ltd., $4.95) covers every home *(Continued)*

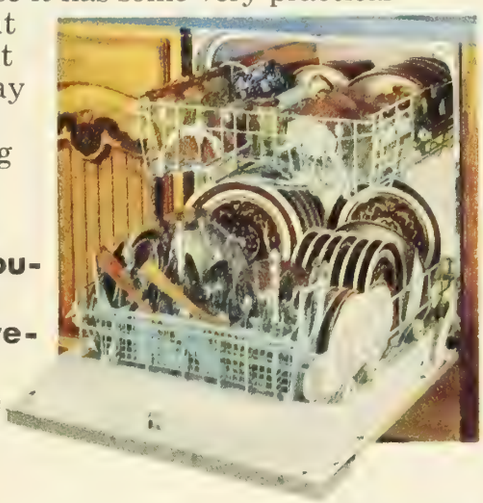
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Two nutty cookbooks are **I'd Rather Play Tennis Than Cook, A Cookbook for Tennis Buffs,** and **I'd Rather Play Golf Than Cook, A Cookbook for Duffers,** both by Mary Kay Peppenberg and Marlene Parrish (MPM Productions Inc.; each is $3.95, spiral-bound). The names of the recipes are based to some extent on the terms of the sport. Rather good fun.

Sandwich Exotica, The Sandwich Manual of Connoisseurs by Louis P. de Gouy (Running Press, $2.95), adapted from the **Sandwich Manual for Professionals,** written in 1939, is typically de Gouy. Anyone who makes a lot of sandwiches will find loads of ideas.

The Bengal Lancers Indian Cookbook by Mohand Chablani and Brahm N. Dixit (Henry Regnery Co., $5.95), co-owners of the Chicago restaurant of the same name, explores Indian cooking with obvious authority. Worthwhile for anyone wishing to enlarge his knowledge of the Indian cuisine.

The remaining books, all dedicated to good works, are all worthy of your support. **The Art Lovers Cookbook,** published by The Summit Art Center Inc., is a blend of the talents of creative artists and creative cooks. All proceeds benefit the center. For each copy, send $5.95 plus 75 cents for handling, in check or money order (N.J. residents add sales tax) to: The Summit Art Center, 68 Elm St., Summit, N.J. 07901. **Catskill Country Cooking,** published by the Community General Hospital Auxiliary of Sullivan County, N.Y., has more than 300 recipes from the famous resort area. All proceeds benefit the hospital. For each copy, send $4.50 in check or money order (N.Y. State residents add 28 cents) to: Cookbook, P.O. Box 700, Monticello, N.Y. 12701.

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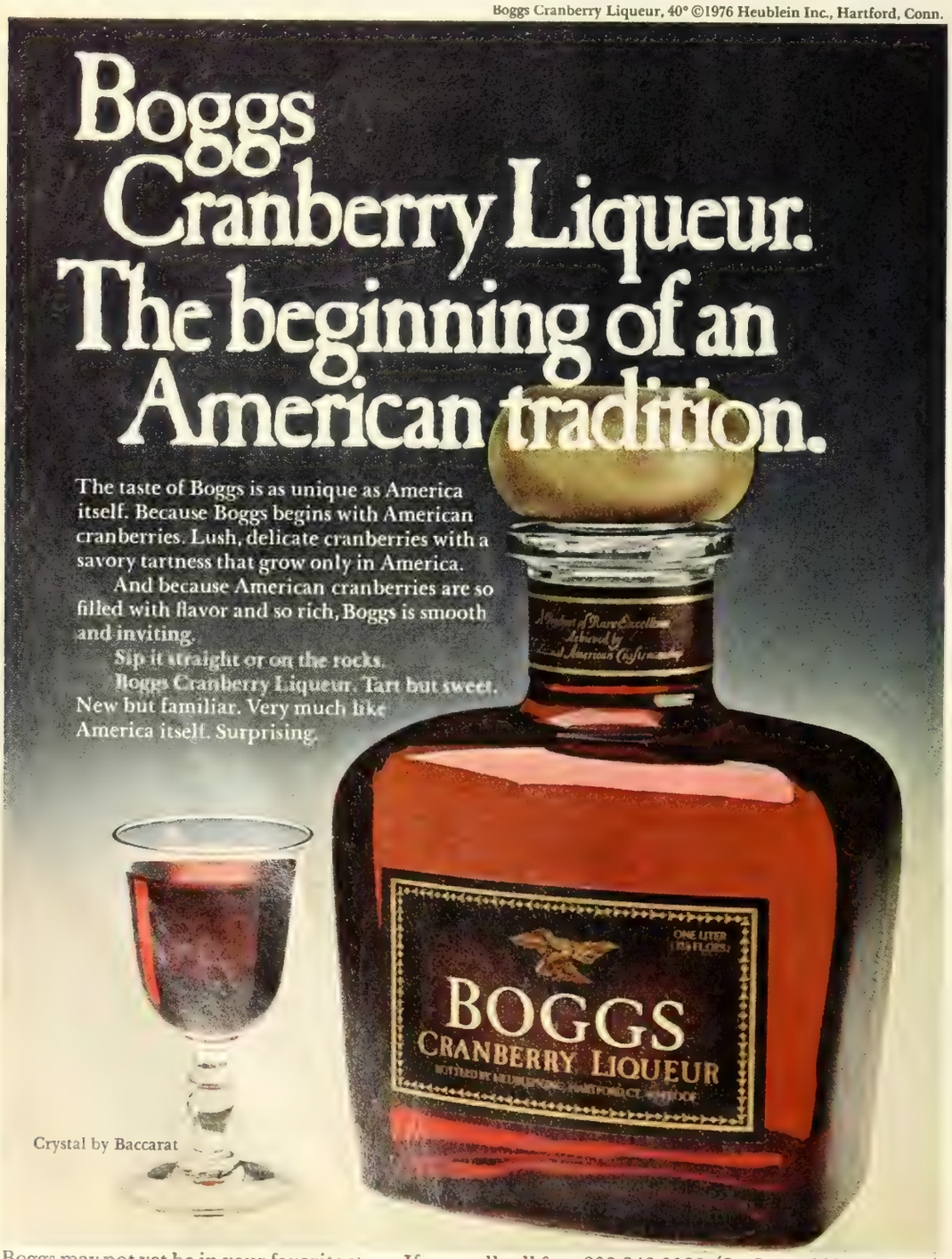
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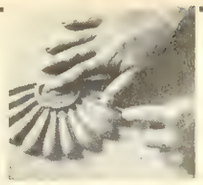
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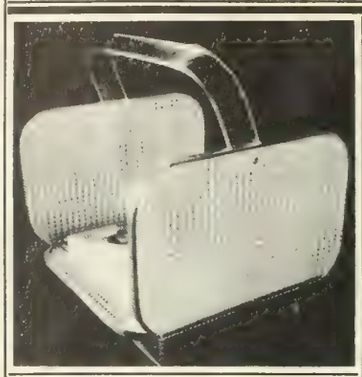


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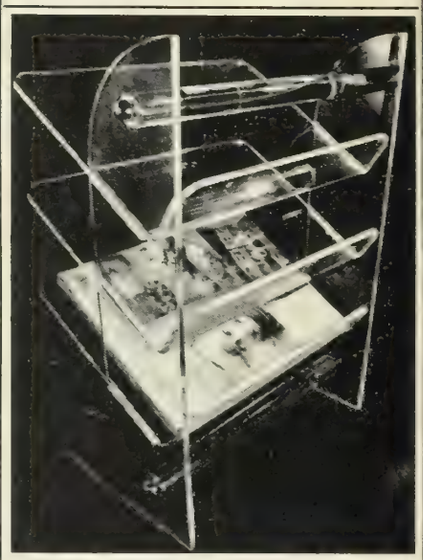
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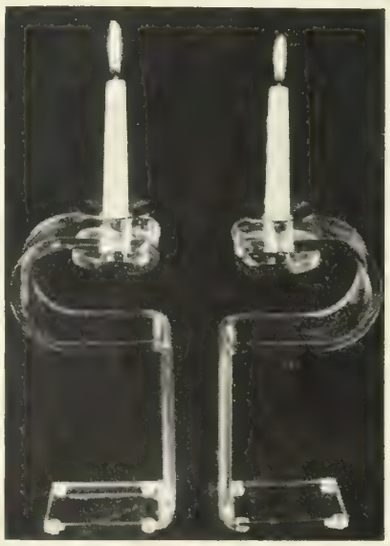
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS IN THE TRUE SPIRIT

By SUSAN CRUME MEKEEL

Last year I didn't send Christmas cards. I had many excuses: I didn't have time. Postage was too expensive. Cards were too expensive. Christmas cards were a waste of paper. There was no point in sending cards to people I saw all the time. There was no point in sending cards to people I never saw. No one reads them anyway. No one else was sending them. Christmas card sending is a commercial enterprise and has lost the spirit of the season. Sending Christmas cards was just too much trouble.

This year I am going to send Christmas cards. I have many reasons: I felt guilty last year receiving cards when I hadn't sent any. Sad but true—it's the only time of year I keep in touch with some distant friends and relatives. I'm beginning to wonder if *not* sending cards has become a kind of status symbol. How can the original spirit of sending Christmas cards ever be revived if no one sends them?

This year I am determined to revitalize the true Christmas card tradition.

You won't want to use every idea so try those you like and discard those you don't. Here are some suggestions:

1. Ignore the tendency to follow the crowd when Anna Always-right announces at Thanksgiving that she doesn't *believe* in Christmas cards. (How can you not believe in a piece of paper? Not believe in a little love sent in the right spirit?)

2. If you're going to buy cards, do it early. It's the last-minute pressure that adds to the Christmas card hassle. Think about buying cards that benefit some charitable organization, cards on recycled paper. (The ideal, of course, is a charitable card on recycled paper.)

3. Consider making your own cards. Cut, paste, paint, draw or make block prints. Use the fronts of cards sent last year. Let the children make some of the family's cards.

4. Think about using cards with the blank insides. Avoid having your name printed on the cards. (How impersonal can you get and how long will it take you to sign your own name? Besides, here is one sure way to save money on cards.) Then write your own messages, perhaps adding a few lines about how you and the family have been, what you are doing or what your plans are for the future. If the purpose of sending Christmas cards is to relay a personal greeting from one person or family to another, a printed card with no other messages defeats the spirit of the season, only says that you were alive to put a card in the mail.

5. Avoid mimeographed letters unless you also add a personal message. The stigma these letters have developed is well-earned. A letter should be from individual-to-individual and a letter from individual-to-everyone loses touch with its audience. On the other hand, mimeographed letters are an easy way to convey a lot of information and they can be personalized with some individual comments at the end.

6. Send cards to: people you like, people you haven't seen for a while, relatives and friends in far-off places, people you would like to know better, people who need cheering up, who provide appreciated services.

7. Don't send cards to: people you don't like, anyone you can say "Merry Christmas" to in person, people you want to impress, people merely because they sent you cards last year.

8. Have a family Christmas card-sending party. Sit around the kitchen table and have refreshments available. (Aunt Sally won't mind if her card has a greasy thumb-print on it and smells like popcorn. It's the thought that counts.) The assigned tasks might be as follows: Mom can sign the cards and write the messages. (Some of this she can do earlier.) Dad can address the cards. Children can stick on stamps, lick envelopes (it might be easier to use a wet sponge but kids seem to prefer their tongues) and draw pictures to include in cards to special people. After the cards are finished, the family can travel *en masse* to the post office, perhaps looking at Christmas lights on the way.

9. When the Christmas cards sent to you start coming in, keep them in a handy Christmasy basket so the family members can look through them and enjoy them every night.

10. Make the cards you receive come alive. Talk as a family about the people who have sent the cards—who they are, when you saw them last, what they are doing now, why you like them so much.

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Cover and pages 120-123—Marx

Living room: Sofa and drapery fabrics, **F. Schumacher & Co.*** Chair fabric, **Brunschwig & Fils.*** "Animal Crackers" pillow fabric, **Lee & Jofa Inc.*** Batik ottoman fabric, **J. Robert Scott.*** Wallpaper by **Keith McCoy Associates.*** Lamp on piano, monkeys and birds, **Paul Ferante Antiques,** 8464 Melrose Place, Los Angeles. *Dining room:* Velvet, **Brunschwig & Fils.*** "Aristocrat" china, **Sango China.** Wall fabric, **Payne Fabrics*** from **Walter W. Walt Fabrics.*** Painting, **Reiner-Lane Ltd.** Flowers, **David Jones,** 8591 West Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 90069. Plants, **Wilco Landscape Specialists,** 9526 Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, Calif. 90230. *Bedroom:* Side tables, **Reiner-Lane Ltd.*** Chinese lamps, **John Nelson Antiques,** 8472 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 90069. Chair, ottoman fabric, **Brunschwig & Fils.*** Carpet, **Stark Carpet Corp.***

Pages 88-89—Beene

"Pyramid" silver flatware, cheese board and knife, **Georg Jensen Inc.,** 601 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. Wedgwood china, **Tiffany & Co.,** 727 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. "Revere" wine glasses, "George Washington" salt and pepper, candlesticks, **Bloomingdale's,** 1000 Third Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. Linen napkins, **B. Altman & Co.,** 361 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. 10019. Antiques, **Christopher Chodoff,** 127 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Bread basket, **Azuma,** 666 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C. 10022. Steel table, c. 1800, from **Provence Antiques Inc.,** 857 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. Shell-head centerpieces, **Karl Springer Ltd.*** Mahogany bust by Michael Cohn, from **Yamets Arts Inc.*** Screen, **Willy Rizzo,** Paris. Wallhanging by Sven Lucan. Flowers, **Jean Jacques Bloos Ltd.,** 1025 Lexington Ave., N.Y.C. 10021.

Pages 90-91—McFadden

Chairs, 18th-century Regency, **Mallet,** London, England. Candlesticks, Japanese 18th-century, tall vase and bronze flowers, **Nagatani Oriental Arts,** 700 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 60611. Napkins and wine glasses, **Bloomingdale's.** Basket with napkins, dinner plates, Oriental oyster bowl, **Diane Love Inc.,** 851 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. The bamboo placemats from China, **Henri Bendel Inc.,** 10 W. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10019. Trivet, **Horchow Collection,** P.O. Box 34257, Dallas 75234. Yellow-and-green bowls, **Hartman Galleries,** 234 Worth Ave., Palm Beach 33480. Japanese lacquered boxes and sculpting on Plexiglas, **Provence Antiques Inc.** Wallhangings by Dorothea Rockburne. Egyptian head sculpture, Ming Dynasty green bowl, bronze by Charles Ratton, **Park-Bernet Galleries Inc.,** 980 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. Sertentine stone wine caddy and sculpture on pedestal by **Amani,** both from Rhodesia. Salt and pepper designed and manufactured by **Kurt Jobst,** South Africa. The lacquered seat, 18th-century, and the 19th-century Russian flatware, both antique.

Pages 92-93—Capraro

"Alana" cocktail shaker, **Waterford Glass.*** Custom-made draperies by **Custom Interiors,** 509 E. 72nd St., N.Y.C. 10021. "La Valette" fabric for draperies, couch and pillows, **Brunschwig & Fils.*** Chinese mural, 19th-century, 19th-century garden seat, **Tepper Galleries,** 3 E. 61st St., N.Y.C. 10021. "King William" silver serving pieces, flatware, salts and peppers, "Chrysanthemum" dinner plates, **Tiffany & Co.** Brass fireplace accessories, **Bloomingdale's.** Silver candlesticks on mantel, gold-trimmed wine and Champagne glasses, **Janetti,** Florence, Italy. Silver Champagne bucket, wine carafes and trays, **Cartier,** Fifth Avenue at 52nd Street, N.Y.C. 10022. Silver cigarette holder, **Ali Babba Shop,** Venice, Italy. Centerpiece and firewood basket, **Robert Webb Inc.,** 335 E. 51st St. N.Y.C. 10022. Lamps, **Hansen Lamps.***

Pages 94-95—Kasper

Crystal, **Baccarat.** Silver, **James Robinson Inc.,** 12 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. Demi-tasse, **Ceralene.** Silver, **Christofle.** Bird salts and peppers, **Gucci,** 689 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. 10009. Table linens, **Pratesi Linens Inc.,** 829 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 10021. Flowers, **Jean Jacques Bloos Ltd.**

Pages 96-97—Horn

Wok and "Hellerware" mugs and plates, bamboo tables and stools, **Bloomingdale's.** Silverware, **Pottery Barn,** 231 Tenth Ave., N.Y.C. 10011. Wallhanging, Helene Valentin. Lighting, Yann Weymouth.

Pages 98-99—Napkins

1. "Morning Blossom" plate, **Lenox.** "Versailles" crystal goblet available through **J.G. Durand International.*** "Coventry Forge" flatware, Sterling II, **Wallace Silversmiths.** Hurricane lamp available through **Fisher, Bruce & Co.*** Napkin, **D. Porthault,** 55 E. 57th St., N.Y.C. 10022. **2.** Napkin and ring, **Henri Bendel Inc.** "Blue Lotus" china and bowl, **Block China.** *(Text continues on page 242)*

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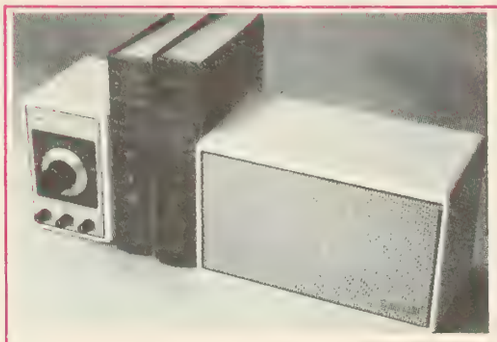

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Outfitting for the best in home electronics offers more options than ever. In the audio-visual world, the look is functional & the performance is straight from the technology that gave us the view of Mars

By ELVIN McDONALD □ Ten years ago we were hiding color TVs in French Provincial breakfronts, coyly pleased at disguising stereo as two end tables. The radio was something we awakened to or drove with—and thought maybe we shouldn't take too seriously, having read of its death.

Today, this has all changed. We have been accepting television as a natural and desirable part of our lives in increasing numbers since the beginning of the 1970s. Whatever its shortcomings, the power of television to inform and entertain is miraculous. And it has not turned us into a nation of lazy illiterates. Instead, more and more of us are becoming involved in such active pursuits as gardening, cooking, tennis and serious reading. In fact, if television had been doom to the printed word, book authors would not now be paying Dorothy Sarnoff $2,500 to be taught how to sell themselves on their next promotion tour.



It follows then that television has come out of the closet, no more to be hidden than the telephone or the refrigerator. Television has become a necessity, and advanced technology means that we have it in all sizes, from a five-inch, battery-operated, go-anywhere portable to a giant seven-foot picture beamed from an across-the-room projector. It is also changing from passive to active participation through an astounding proliferation of video games and home video recording equipment.

Although it has never been considered chic to deny owning or listening to a stereo, our attitudes are changing with regard to the way we think it should look. At one time, hi-fi buffs were the only people who exposed the equipment. To them, quality sound was all that mattered. The slightest over-concern about the cosmetics of the cabinetry meant that you really could not be considered a serious audiophile.

Now, exposing the components of a sound system is the rule rather than the exception. The Rube Goldberg look once associated with hi-fi is gone. In its place, we have clean, functional design in turntables, amplifiers and tape decks. The plain box speaker is giving way to pedestal or sculptural shapes, available in a wide variety of colors and finishes.

Meanwhile, radio is as exciting now as it must have been when it first brought civilization to the hinterlands. The overnight craze for CB (citizens band) is largely responsible for our growing awareness of all the possibilities offered by radio. For one thing, CB has made radio a participation sport that is having a profound effect on our interpersonal communications—and most often, it's between total strangers.



For the person who wants a more passive involvement, some new radios facilitate the monitoring of CB conversations. And part of the fun is learning slang used by CBers. For example, "Papa Bear" is a policeman. "Brush your teeth and comb your hair" means police radar ahead. And the nickname a CBer uses in transmission for identification is a "handle," the most famous being Betty Ford's "First Momma." Of course, if you're bored by CB chatter, there's always AM/FM to keep you company, not to mention aircraft, weather and audio-television broadcasts.

Airwaves are alive with Papa Bears & First Mommas

For a look at the latest, most innovative consumer electronics equipment, see the following pages. A review of noteworthy new televisions, stereos, speakers, radios and tape recorders begin on page 76. All products are nationally distributed.



Advent's FM two-piece radio (top) lets you put the controls where they are easiest to use, the speaker where it sounds best. About $125. Hitachi's and RCA's "Citizens Band Transceivers" (upper right) operate on all 23 AM CB channels. Hitachi, $115; RCA runs about $135. Panasonic's five-inch AM/battery TV in fatigue green will go where you go; $139 including earphones.

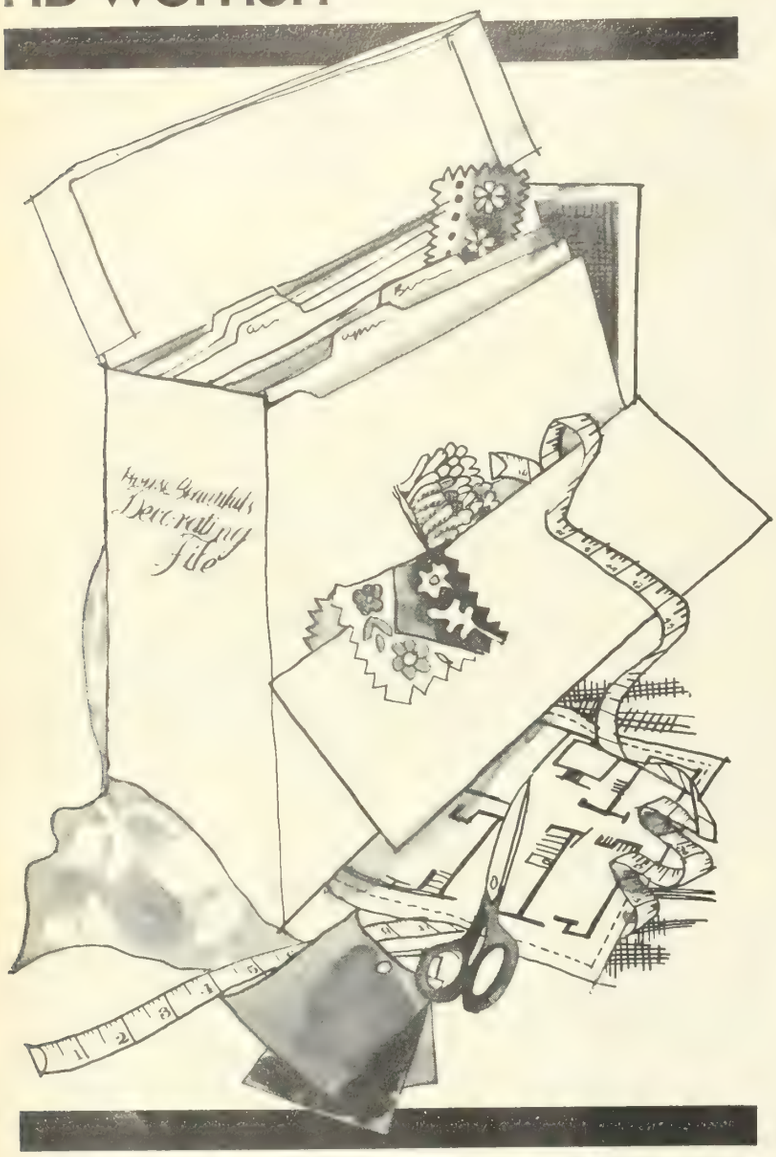
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(1) Emerson's AM/FM eight-track player operates on batteries, AC or auto/boat adaptor; $60. **(2)** "Odyssey 300" offers latest video-game features. By Magnavox; $70. **(3)** Akais reel-to-reel stereo recorder is fully portable with two built-in speakers; $350. **(4)** Willy Rizzo's disco-chic music system with two speakers is custom-designed, at $6,500. **(5)** Sonab's OA14 speaker in black lacquer is also available in walnut or rosewood; $375 per pair. **(6)** Sonab's R3000 amplifier with FM radio has two pairs of speaker outlets. $465. **(7)** Sonab's 67S turntable plays 33-⅓ and 45 records; $240. **(8)** Advent/2 speakers offer a combination of range, efficiency and power-handling unique in their price range. $192. per pair. **(9)** The "Queen Anne" stereo FM/AM radio has record turntable and eight-track tape. Magnavox; $600. **(10)** "Contrara" speaker rotates 180 degrees. When it's playing, it's a speaker, grille and all. When it's not playing, it's a pedestal, no grille at all. By Jennings; $500 per pair. **(11)** The "Aquarius Q" pedestal speaker is available with either wood or white base and a wide choice of grille colors. By JBL; $1,368 per pair. **(12)** "Accutrac 4000" is a turntable, remote control and allows random track selection. By Audio Dynamics Corp. $500. **(13)** Advent's "Video-Beam" projects TV picture on a separate seven-foot screen. About $4,000. **(14)** Sony "Betamax" home video record and play system allows you to watch one program while taping another for later. $2,300.


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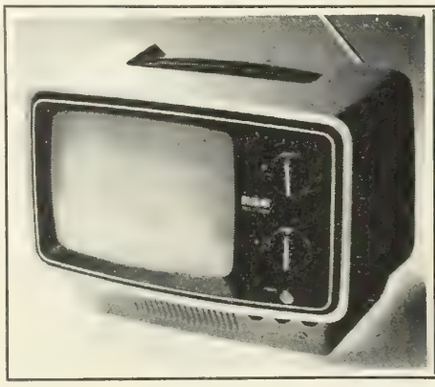
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NEW FASHIONS IN THE WORLD OF SIGHT&SOUND

General trends in consumer electronics are discussed on page 75, followed by a showing of some of this year's most remarkable equipment for home entertainment and communications. In the text and photographs that follow, the specific products are reviewed in the major categories of radio, television, stereo and tape.



RCA's black-and-white "Sportable TV" operates on AC house current, rechargeable DC battery pack or power cord for 12-volt cigarette lighter. Removable tinted sun shield. Cabinet available in fog white, frost silver or Kraft tan. $165.

Although there will probably always be inexpensive AM pocket radios, the trend is strongly in the direction of higher-priced, multiband models, often in combination with a tape player/recorder. Solid-state technology has made it possible for the manufacturers to add more features, while at the same time, the overnight popularity of CB has sharpened our awareness of radio's potentials beyond the usual AM/FM bands.

In terms of design and performance, Emerson's model FP-23 FM/AM personal portable radio is an outstanding example of what is available for low-cost listening pleasure. With dimensions of six by 1¼ by 3½ inches, it is approximately the size of a paperback, but with the top and bottom rounded. It features a slide-rule tuning dial, telescopic FM antenna and operates on a nine-volt battery. Available in black or silver; $18, with earphone.

Combat gear inspires a sensible new look

In clock radios, the news is in LED (light emitting diode) readouts that offer silence and accuracy plus a split-second wake-up alarm—all beyond the performance generally possible with the earlier leaf and drum types. Typical of these is the Westclox "Rise 'n Chime" (*page 80*) with an alarm system that starts with the radio. Then the radio drops down low and a melodic chime cross-fades with it, growing louder and more intense until you touch the button on top of the radio, causing the chime to stop and the radio to come up again.

While the general trend in radio is toward multi-function, one standout in simplicity is the "Advent FM" (*page 75*), which offers rich and detailed wide-range sound in situations where a big sound system would be an impossibility. The Advent two-piece design lets you put the speaker where it sounds best and the control unit where it's easiest to use. The result is an FM radio with the kind of sound we expect only from a component system. It is also a miniature mono sound system into which you can plug a tape machine to record and play back. Retail price is about $125 for the system.

Panasonic's RF-888 is a truly excellent example of a multi-function portable radio that operates on either AC or battery power. It offers FM/AM/VHF-public service band-high for police, fire and continuous weather reports, plus a mike-mixing feature that allows the unit to be used as a public address system. Cosmetically,



Panasonic's RF-888 is an FM/AM/VHF-public service band-high portable radio that operates on AC power or four "D" batteries; with mike and earphones; $125.

NEW FASHIONS IN THE WORLD OF SIGHT&SOUND

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While there has been enomenal activity in the ea of CB radios, there as been relatively little ange in what is avail-ble this year over last. ne reason is that if the C (Federal Communica-ons Commission) pro-eeds with its plans for annel expansion beyond e present 23, the next eneration of CB products ill have to be developed cordingly.

One notable example of e increased functions ailable in radio units J.I.L.'s model 606CB, n in-dash CB/AM/FM/ PX radio-and-stereo cas-ette tape player combin-

Batteries power the TV no matter where you want to watch

ion. It retails for about 420 and has been de-gned to fit into the dash-oard of virtually all cars nd recreational vehicles ithout special cutting.

Whether or not you've ecome a registered CBer, ne Parker Bros. "10-Four ood Buddy!" game is romising lots of fun. As vo to four players "ride" round the game board's ighways, they meet up ith everything from the Smokies" (police) who ive out their "Christ-nas cards" (tickets) to a bear-in-the-air" (a police elicopter), and they may ven get caught in a bear trap" (or radar). osts about $5.

New developments in elevision with potentially ar-reaching effects were ever more apparent than his past year.

One of the most ex-iting is "Advent's Video-eam," projection color elevision, which beams a even-foot picture on a creen placed exactly 10 eet-4 inches in front of the receiver-projector shown on page 77. Introduced last year, the set's price of $4,000 has met remarkably little consumer resistance, but in case you'd like a big picture for less, Advent's new model 750 offers a six-foot screen for $2,500.

Sony's KP-4000 video projection system features a 40-inch curved screen with a Trinitron picture tube and projector in a single unit. When it's not in use, its sliding tambour door conceals and protects the screen. System costs about $2,500.

Besides big-picture television, there is also tremendous interest in home video recording systems. Sony's "Betamax" (*page 76*) at $2,000 combines a 19-inch Trinitron screen with a video-cassette player/recorder that allows you to tape off one channel while you watch another, or you can record what you are viewing. If you can't be at home to watch your favorite program, (*Continued*)

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"Betamax" can record the program in your absence for quick playback at any time. You also can rent pre-recorded tape cassettes for a variety of programming enjoyment—from those on entertainment to telecourses in tennis, guitar or speedreading (conducted by Dick Cavett). There's also a separate Betamax

Miniature circuitry means convenience

video-cassette recorder, designed specifically for home use, that can be connected to any TV receiver; about $1,300.

Sanyo's V-Cord II, another entry in the field of home video-cassette recording, will record and play back up to two hours of television programming. It is said to be as easy to set up and operate as a stereo; $1,250.

The proliferation of video games is another development that promises considerable influence on the way we use television in the future. Interest has been growing since 1972, when Magnavox first introduced "Odyssey." At last count, some 39 manufacturers had entered the field or were about to, with that were products aimed at increasingly challenging and complex game action.

Meanwhile, the improvements continue in traditional television. Zenith's widely touted new tube with the promise of great performance is available on some sets this season. Quasar's single "Super Module," which replaces five in the current line, is incorporated in 18 different 25-inch sets and two 19-inch, one of which has "Super Insta-Matic" color tuning and a light sensor that automatically adjusts the picture to changes in room lighting. This 19-inch model, WT5808NW, is $470.

Some of the Panasonic color sets are equipped with the new Quintrix II, an in-line tube for brightness with an extra prefocus lens for sharpness. Certain GE sets have the vertical interval reference (VIR), which improves your picture quality by making use of a special TV station signal.

Remote controls are available on an increasing number of television sets. In fact, a new electronic remote "Control Center" for RCA "XL-100 ColorTrak" TV is the first to embrace small computer technology. The remote selects all TV channels instantly without going through the usual numerical sequences, adjusts the color and sound, switches the set on and off and displays the channel number and time on the screen. Since the "Control Center" contains all primary controls for the RCA "ColorTrak" set, the receiver can be operated only with the remote unit.

The Magnavox "Touch-Tune" offers a precise, push-button channel selection with the accuracy of a digital computer, the ease of a push-button telephone. This can be done instantly, silently, electronically—at the set or from up to 40 feet away by remote control. Channel number and time of day flash on the screen at the touch of a button.

There continues to be an increasing number of AC or rechargeable battery-operated TV sets for clear viewing almost anywhere—beach, boat, backyard. Typical of these is Panasonic's "TR-515" (*page 78*), which has a five-inch black-and-white picture and comes with batteries and a combination car/boat adaptor.

Cabinetry accounts for much of the news in black-and-white portable AC televisions. As resistance to imitation wood grain grows, manufacturers are producing more high-impact-resistant plastic cabinets in clear, bright colors such as yellow, red, blue, green, tangerine, plus silver and white.

By 'magic': total TV tuning without wires

One of the year's most remarkable developments in stereo is the "Accutrac 4000" (*page 76*) by Audio Dynamics Corp. About $500, it is an automatic turntable with electronic track selection and computerized memory bank—to let you program the order of all the tracks, single out only those you wish to hear, in any order, and repeat one track up to 24 times. With the Accutrac wireless remote control selector, you can even computer-select the tracks you want to hear while you're across the room.

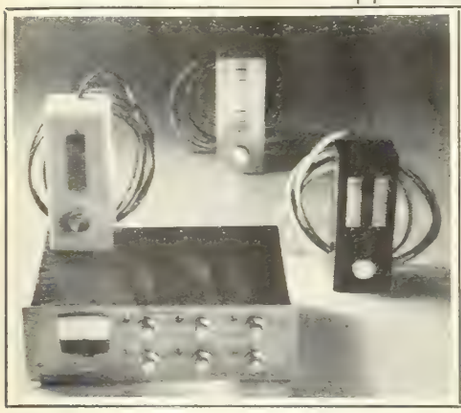
BIC's model 920 turntable, $80, incorporates a program panel that allows it to be operated in three modes: (1) as a single-play manual, (2) as a single-play automatic in which the turntable cycles and shuts off at the touch of a button; it will play one selection as many as six times automatically, (3) as a multiple-play turntable that facilitates repeating six records in any desired combination totaling six plays.

Besides looking great, Sonab's 67S manual turntable in matte black finish plays 45 and 33⅓ records with utmost accuracy. It features adjustable feet and a spirit-level for exact adjustment. The heavy platter is non-magnetic and is belt-driven by a 24-pole synchronous motor. Its retail price of $240 includes a dust cover. Sonab's amplifier in the same matte black finish is another standout in sound design, both to the eye and to the ear.

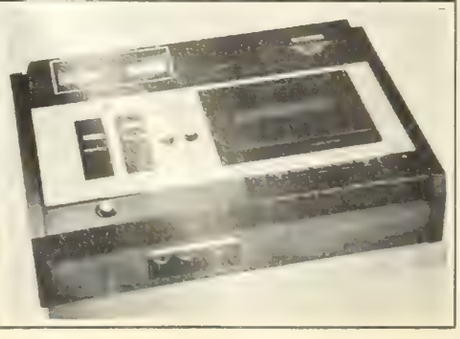
By the end of this year, ESS will be marketing its new "Transar" touch-control preamplifier, $1250, and power amplifier, $1,350. These components have memory features and operate via touch-control stations; thus there are no switches, knobs or buttons to fuss with.

Kenwood's newest stereo receiver, the KR-6600, features sophisticated new circuitry and a host of technical advances. For (*Continued on page 82*)

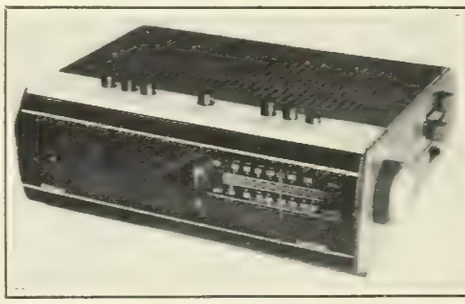




Hitachi's portable cassette tape recorder (above), $150. Ster-a-mote's units allow remote control of any stereo—power on/off, speakers on/off, records, tapes. By Custom Stereo Systems; $272 to $484 in 50 colors.



Hitachi's stereo cassette deck stops automatically at the end of a tape. Quick-review feature allows instant rewind without stopping and rewinding. Model D/2330, $150.



Westclox' "Rise 'n Chime" clock radio awakens with a combination of radio and melodic chime sounds. High visibility lighted digital readout. $70.



RCA's remote "Control Center" instantly selects all channels on RCA's XL-100 "Color-Trak" sets. Shown with the 19-inch Raeburn. Complete, $750.

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Some of the most dramatic changes in the appearance of stereo equipment have been in the cosmetics of speakers. There are plenty of plain boxes around, of course, but it is no longer necessary to sacrifice the visual in favor of aural.

For example, JBL's "Aquarius" speakers take the form of art gallery pedestals on which pieces of sculpture might be displayed. They are available in a wide variety of finishes and colors to choose from.

Jennings Research has three shapes in its new "Contrara" line of speakers: horizontal rectangle, square and pedestal. All have radiused corners sculpted in oiled walnut. The "Contrara" pedestal acts as a functional pedestal for displaying a piece of art, a lamp or a plant. It also rotates 180.° When playing, it's a loudspeaker with grille. When it's not playing, speaker is a wood display piece with no grille showing.

Yeaple's "Stereopillow" offers a total departure from the usual speaker. It is literally a pillow that can be mounted on the back of a comfortable chair or bed for easy listening by one person; $80. And Audio Research's "Magne-planar Tympani T-IC" takes the form of a folding, three-panel room divider or screen that can be covered in AR's fabric or 13 yards of your own; $1,325.

The variety of tape equipment available this year varies from carry-along portable cassette tape recorders barely the size of a paperback to giant reel-to-reels that most resemble futuristic spacestation gear.

If you want total portability, consider a unit like Hitachi's TRQ/10 (*page 80*), a pocket-size cassette recorder with built-in mike that operates on AC, batteries or auto adaptor; $150.



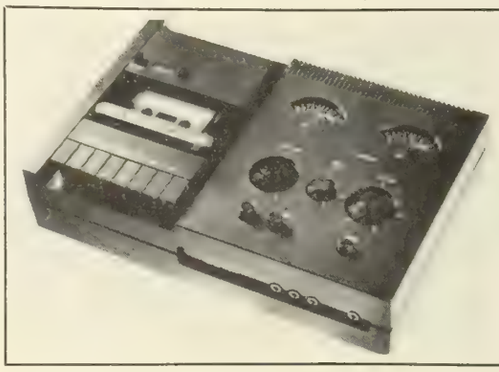
Hitachi's FM/AM portable cassette recorder has a quick-review feature that allows the user to review recorded material without stopping and rewinding. Built-in microphone, AC or battery. Model TRK/5120H; $70.

For a tape deck with a great futuristic look, there's Yamaha's TCG800GL, a 12¼-inch-square case in battleship gray. It operates on batteries or AC; $400.

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If you need a stereo cassette deck in a vertical format, Toshiba's PC-6030 could be the answer. It affords total visibility and easy access in a shelf system. For a front-load cassette deck that offers all the capabilities you'd expect—and more, considering the low price—consider the Marantz 5020; the unit cost is about $270.

In quality reel-to-reel, Akai offers the convenience of a portable stereo recorder with two built-in speakers in its model 1722W; about $350. And, for the audiophile who wants nonstop music, TEAC's A-4300SX stereo open reel tape deck may be programmed to reverse itself automatically and play the other side of a tape without stopping; cost is about $700. ■



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Umbrella plant isn't fussy about light, but it can't live without wet soil

Of all the plants in cultivation, umbrella plant is one of the most picturesque. In fact, it is no mere coincidence if the one shown above makes you think of scenes from ancient Egypt, for it is *Cyperus alternifolius* (sign-PEER-us all-turn-if-FOH-lee-us), which is closely related to the *Cyperus papyrus* used in the making of papyrus paper as early as 2750 B.C. Another distinction of *Cyperus alternifolius* is that ***it is one of the few house plants that cannot live unless its roots are constantly in a range between wet and moist.***

There are apparently two forms of umbrella plant commonly in cultivation. *C. alternifolius* grows about four feet tall with reedy stems topped by grassy leaves that spread like the spokes of an umbrella to 12 inches across. In the spring and summer pale or brownish green flowers grow out of the leaf centers. A dwarf form, *C. a. gracilis* (GRASS-ill-iss), grows only 12 to 18 inches tall with leaves to six inches across. One other *cyperus*, often seen in local shops, that makes a good house plant is *C. diffusus* variety *elegans*, known otherwise as the broadleaf umbrella palm. It does not grow as tall as *C. alternifolius* but it has broader leaves. Culture for all is the same.

In nature, it is the habit of all *cyperus* to grow in boggy soil along river banks. The key to success with them as house plants is to keep the soil wet: ***place the pot in a large, deep saucer and keep it filled with water.*** Otherwise, these are the needs of the cyperus: *Light*, bright, as in a north window, or a few hours of direct sun in or near an east, south or west exposure. *Temperature*, on the cool side (50-65°F.) during the winter heating season; tolerates more warmth if the soil is wet. *Humidity*, medium to high; mist daily in winter. *Soil*, two parts sphagnum peat moss to one part each all-purpose potting soil and sand. Fertilize regularly in spring and summer. *Propagate* in spring by division or by leaf cuttings with two inches of stem in a pot of wet vermiculite. Dry heat and dry soil causes brown leaf tips; in cases of serious dieback, all stems can be cut back to the ground in order to encourage new growth that is all green and healthy. □ By ELVIN McDONALD

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5 HIGH-FASHION STYLES IN ENTERTAINING







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"I keep the mood as casual as possible"

How do guests dress at this great designer's parties? "In whatever makes them comfortable. I myself refuse to wear black tie, and in truth, I no longer even own one."



1 GEOFFREY BEENE

A simple meal with subtle music —and never, never wear black tie

By CARMINE PORCELLI □ Geoffrey Beene, known for the understated elegance of his fashions, is one of the busiest designers in the business, creating two different fashion lines every season—his couture collection and his Beene Bag sportswear. The genial Southerner has still found time to acquire an enviable reputation as a host. "One of the nicest ways to spend an evening is to have friends over for dinner. I usually give a small dinner for four or six on a Sunday night. Since I'm so busy at the studio all week, Sunday gives me time to prepare leisurely, and when I am relaxed, I can enjoy my friends more. I keep the mood as casual as possible, and all the food both simple and light."



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In his elegantly contemporary New York apartment, Beene sets an understated, uncluttered table (*above*) with the pure forms of Wedgwood china, Danish silver and the simplest crystal. The only ornaments are a pair of conversation-provoking sculptured heads in black wood, helmeted in iridescent nautilus shell (*top left*). Chairs are French, reminiscent of Beene's apprentice years in France with the great Molyneux, a time when he forsook a career in medicine for design. "Medicine wasn't creative enough for me." His decided creativity is reflected in his menu planning. "People don't like heavy foods today. I find that my guests enjoy the evening more if I keep the menu simple." A typical Beene menu might be cold asparagus soup, a roast chicken stuffed only with watercress, a strawberry mousse. And always he has a cheese board and fresh fruit (*center left*). After dinner, coffee in the living room and more of the easy conversation these dinners are famous for. Says Bernardine Morris, fashion editor of the *New York Times*, "It's very relaxed in a quite Southern way. The food is always lovely and there's a terrific combination of modern surroundings and old-fashioned hospitality to put everyone at ease."

"I usually give a small dinner on Sunday night"



"I like to give dinners so that I can give my friends a unique experience—a vacation from the hectic work week," says Mary McFadden, the designer whose fashion designs and exotic prints have lately won her a Coty Award. Unique in itself, her New York apartment

"Food should be prepared with great delicacy"

has the quality of a small, quiet museum of the art she has collected from Africa (where she once lived), Asia and the contemporary galleries of Madison Avenue. "Art is a part of my life. So, when I'm dining, it must also be part of the table." Hence, she delights her guests with charming, unexpected dinner settings where every object is something to examine and admire. "I guess my career and home really do reflect. Whether I'm designing or entertaining, I think of the esthetics first." Her menus echo this. "I like food to be prepared and served with great delicacy. I prefer it as pure as possible, never over-cooked or over-sauced. I try to serve whatever is freshest at the moment, so my menus vary with the season." A favorite menu: fresh oysters in their shells on a bed of ice, sea bass with ginger and cold chestnut soufflé.





2 MARY McFADDEN

A certain purity, a direct sharing of honest food with an art collection as a background







"I love to give my friends a unique evening"

"Mary's table settings are the most exotic and creative anywhere, and the food is always the most imaginative—a true experience in every way," says frequent guest Justine Cushing. In the dining room (*far left*), see contemporary wall hangings by Dorothea Rockburne, Rhodesian sculpture by Amani, contrasted with the natural bamboo motif of English Regency chairs. Setting the table (*above*), there's an unlikely but magnificent mélange of curiously compatible objects, many of museum caliber. An Oriental bowl holds iced oysters. Sertentine stone wine caddy is Rhodesian. From 18th-century Japan come silver repoussé candlesticks and a fine black-and-gold lacquer box that's seen, on this occasion, highlighted as a centerpiece and flanked by modern, marbleized glass stemware (*left*). Plates (*top left*) are contemporary pottery, vermeil flatware 19th-century Russian, bamboo placemats are from the People's Republic of China, salts and peppers South African. For pure adornment, in lieu of customary flowers, there are antique brass flowers from Japan, a sculptured Egyptian head, a Nigerian bronze of the Benin tribe. A basket holds extra napkins. Green stone serving piece (*center*) is from the Ming dynasty.





Albert Capraro's list of prestigious clients is headed by First Lady Betty Ford. Her gift, a Chinese plate over the fireplace in the library-dining room of his New York duplex (*below left*), is the cynosure of all fortunate guests at his small, fireside dinners. As a host, he says honestly, "I'm more interested in the effect than the food. I'm no cook, so I make the visual surroundings as beautiful as I can." However, he comes up with an elegant, truffled pâté (*above*), presented with orchids and a rare antique Chinese figurine, one-time repository for mandarins' pearls. "Anyone I invite is a friend—never a mere acquaintance—and I like my friends to be relaxed, so I give them down-filled banquettes instead of chairs, soothing candlelight, fireglow and lavish flowers. I like a fragrant house, so I scent mine with my favorite, Guerlain's "Potpourri" spray. I buy tons of it in Paris, the only place it is sold. I think that it helps make a home a sensuous oasis."

"Anyone I invite is a friend"

3 ALBERT CAPRARO

Surrounding his guests with candlelight, scent and beautiful things to delight the eye







Albert Capraro, who studied at Parson's, worked with Lillie Daché and had a successful career on competitive Seventh Avenue before starting his own business two years ago, loves to invent. "I travel a lot. You can get ideas from other cultures that you can mix with your own. My Tiffany plates are Japanesque, but I often use them with plates I saw at a Morocco restaurant and bought on the spot." Tablecloth and napkins (*above*) evolved from three Indian scarves, which he feels are compatible with the pink/blue French upholstery fabric. "The colors are so flattering to women guests. I always prefer them to dress for dinner and I hope men will dress up, too—it adds so much to the gala atmosphere." The flatware is Tiffany's "King William;" silver candlesticks and gold-rimmed crystal are Italian. Sheer, exuberant luxury—orchids in the blue-and-white tea caddies from Albert Capraro's collector's collection of antique Chinese artifacts. Perhaps host Capraro's most flattering accolade comes from fashion duenna Diana Vreeland, head of the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. "The evening begins with the very warmest welcome . . . your favorite drink is handed to you . . . nothing is forgotten. It is total comfort, total luxury . . . every sense is fed. Everything flows—food, wine, conversation—and the host beams like a Buddha. It's an evening of total bliss."

"I like to invent table arrangements"





"It's as easy to have twelve at dinner as it is to have four"

As an enthusiastic host, Kasper soft-pedals the labor involved in preparing his dinners, because he actually enjoys doing it and has the beautiful knack of timing things so that he never seems to absent himself from his own party. That's organization, although he doesn't let it show. He got into fashion, he says, via the U.S. Army, where he found himself designing costumes for Army shows. Previously, however, he had been trained in design at Parsons, after briefly studying advertising at New York University. His study of design, he feels, has given him a much keener enjoyment of life.

4 KASPER

Fashion to him is down to earth, but his dinner-party style is as light as his souffles

Kasper, lately elected to the Coty Hall of Fame for his easy-going, easy-to-wear clothes, has long since been elected by his intimates to a personal Hall of Fame for his easy-going grace as a host. "My home," he says, "is something to be enjoyed with my friends and I enjoy having dinner parties as often as I can." There's nothing of the harried host about this energetic star of Seventh Avenue. "The point of having friends in is to spend as much time with them as you can. Once the food is prepared and the table checked, I sit back and enjoy my friends, food and home." He likes the coziness of a dinner for four and may serve a four-course menu of such specialties as tomato soup, chicken curry, beet-and-endive salad and an orange soufflé. "I'm crazy about soufflés." When the party's small, there's always a soufflé—sometimes a cheese soufflé to begin or a chocolate one at the end. "I can't seat 12 at the table, but that doesn't stop me if I want a larger party. For this, I serve Chinese food—lots of rice, lemon chicken and lots of Chinese vegetables. I just set out the plates, napkins and chopsticks and I'm ready to greet my guests. I find that it's just as easy to have 12 at dinner as it is to have four if you keep to an uncomplicated, easy-to-serve menu."





Kasper's home is a compendium of beautiful belongings kept in mint condition by their perfectionist owner. Many are antique, many acquired on his frequent travels. Travel is, he says, "the opportunity to see many different lifestyles, which, of course, helps me in my business and greatly influences my home." He has collected his blue-and-white Chinese plates for years. "They are my favorites. I always feel the table looks so pure with them and they are naturals for my Chinese meals." See them (*above*) set for a foursome dinner around an arrangement of tuberoses by Jean Jacques Bloos. Kasper's a stickler for the festive immaculateness of perfectly polished crystal and silver and crisply laundered linen. His stemware is Baccarat; his silver is exclusively 18th-century English: three-pronged forks, pistol-handled knives, rat-tail spoons, wine coasters, candlesticks and coffee service (*near left*). His salt and pepper birds are by Gucci (*top left*). In short, like his parties and the polished atmosphere surrounding them, Kasper's table gleams. Quoting his friend Carrie Donovan, vice president of communications for Bloomingdale's, "The atmosphere is always relaxed and easy, the food is just right—dinner with Kasper is one lovely evening in New York."

"A home is something to be enjoyed with friends"





5 CAROL HORN

Just as she invents her 'total wardrobes,' she invents dinners as she goes along

Ebullient, inventive and thoroughly aware of the time she lives in, Carol Horn has, in a few years, skyrocketed to fashion fame with her "total wardrobe" concept. Her colorful free spirit invests everything that she does—and that does include her party-giving. "Carol is not only one of the most creative designers," says Elsa Klench, senior fashion editor of *Harper's Bazaar*, "but that whole ambiance of creativity is there in her home. The evening is full of surprises—not only with the food but in every detail." Her home is a one-room apartment in New York, a brilliant nest of bright hand-loomed fabrics, Mexican serapes and Indian mirror cloth, furnished in low, mattresslike cushioning (*below*) and little bamboo tabourets—all organized for sprawly, comfortable floor-



"My home shows my guests where my head is at"

level living. Here she lives, works, sleeps and entertains. "I don't need other rooms. This space works. I can make it any room I want when I want it. And since my personal and professional lives are extensions of each other, my home shows my guests where my head is at." She does indeed live as she designs her fashions, delighting in improvisations, putting things together with a kind of daring lightheartedness that laughs at the everyday banal.







"My dinners," says Carol Horn, "are much like my clothes—I invent as I go along. I haven't time, really, to be very formal. I enjoy just calling up friends at the last minute and telling them to come over. I love natural foods, so I may lay in some of the freshest vegetables I can find, make up a lot of amusing dips, get some terrific cheese and wine and I'm all set. Or I may even ask my guests to bring their own food. It really becomes a picnic on the floor and people seem to love being here." Such a picnic meal (*above*) can be as colorful as a painter's palette. "You must feed the eye first," she says—and does it by spreading a "cloth" of overlapping mats and presenting crudités in her international cache of baskets art, which she collects, is added for amusement. She makes her own napkins from fabrics that intrigue her, sometimes makes bibs ("Maybe I ought to market them"). On occasion, she

"It really becomes a picnic on the floor"

(*top left*), one of them holding lighted candles, another filled with tableware. Boxes once used for berries or cheese are put to use; a wood crate or a picnic basket is a serving table (*near left*) and a scattering of appealing folk may serve her own inventive pork bread or mango pie, with a tapioca dessert. But whatever the menu, an evening chez Horn is, on every count, a sharing of her unique talent and an exposure to party-giving with a flair.

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MAKING A NAPKIN

shape your humble cloths into artful table accents

Editor MOLLY SIPLE □ **Plant a gathering of flowers in a tall, stemmed glass, bedeck a white plate with a pinwheel of polka dots, give any setting pizzazz with clever folding. Napkin-folding is an old way to dramatize a table, but today's colorful fabrics offer a whole new realm of special effects. Choose napkins 20 inches square for complicated designs; remember to use starch if you want a well-defined shape. A good book on origami (the Japanese art of paper-folding) can give you many ideas, but you can start now with these seven photographed at Joe Aragona's The Home Store. Instructions for all begin on page 147. (1) Loosely gathered Porthault cotton napkin adds gaiety to a glass by Cristal d'Arques, Lenox china, Wallace flatware and an Orrefors hurricane lamp carry out the light-hearted theme. (2) Slender swirls of a napkin and napkin ring from Bendel's add panache to a Chinese dinner with Block china. (3) For the brunch guest, a flower in a flower-shaped napkin, from Carole Stupell, with Schmidt china and Oneida flatware. (4) Tailored carry-all shaping shows off the**









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Sigma Marketing "Tomato" napkin as well as the Trend Pacific flatware and Bing & Grondahl stoneware. (5) Fanning out from a Reed & Barton napkin ring, pleated Sigma Marketing napkin rests like a bright butterfly on this Bing & Grondahl plate. Fostoria crystal and Oxford Hall flatware complete the mood. (6) A lacy square from Vincent Lippe lends airy softness to a setting of Haviland porcelain and Royal Worcester flatware. (7) Geometric-pattern napkin accents The Home Store china, Cristal d'Arques glassware; Orrefors candlesticks. PHOTOGRAPHS, FELICIANO; FOR DETAILS, SEE PRODUCT INFORMATION



Red glows in many forms in this vibrant dining room (*left*) designed by L. Jarmin Roach and Raymond J. Piatti, both ASID, for a show house sponsored by the Pasadena, Calif., Junior Philharmonic Committee. The primary color shines pure and strong in

A vibrant primary color sparks a table—and, indeed, a room—blending new and old, formal and informal expressions into a rosy setting for luxurious dining

the tablesetting, then warms to autumnal orange-red in the flowers of the centerpiece and deepens again to a rich rosy-red plum in the C.W. Stockwell "Kan Shie" wallcovering and "Kan Shie Texture" fabric used for draperies and seat coverings. White china plates set off the small Oriental tureens, lacquered palm frond placemats and large paisley napkins caught in silver rings. Baccarat crystal glasses and Reed & Barton's "Francis I" silver add glittering sparkle to the glass tabletop—a stunning contemporary note in a traditional room.

HOW TO SET THE STAGE FOR TABLETOP THEATRICS

decorator drama in nine acts

One way to spark a meal is by serving it amid the glitter of an Art Deco motif, this one (*far right*) created by Interior Designer Michael de Santis, ASID, in a Manhattan apartment. The dark colors so popular during the 1920s are remembered here in rich aubergine walls and zig-zag carpeting that shows through the glass tabletop to background the entire dinner setting. Denby's "Springtime" china sets the gentle floral theme that is well matched with the dainty pansy butter plates by Ernestine for

The drama and glitter of the 1920s are re-created in a dining room that sparkles with Art Deco impressions

Ceramar and the deeply shaded napkins with gold design that complements the sweep of "Vision" silver by Wallace Silversmiths. And, of course, all eyes are drawn to the whimsical hand-blown stemware by Stephen Fellerman, each an individually shaped form that epitomizes the Art Deco influence. Fellerman also created the bud vases (*near right*)—ethereal shapes in dreamlike colors that cluster on the credenza, their frothy effect doubled against the mirrored wall.

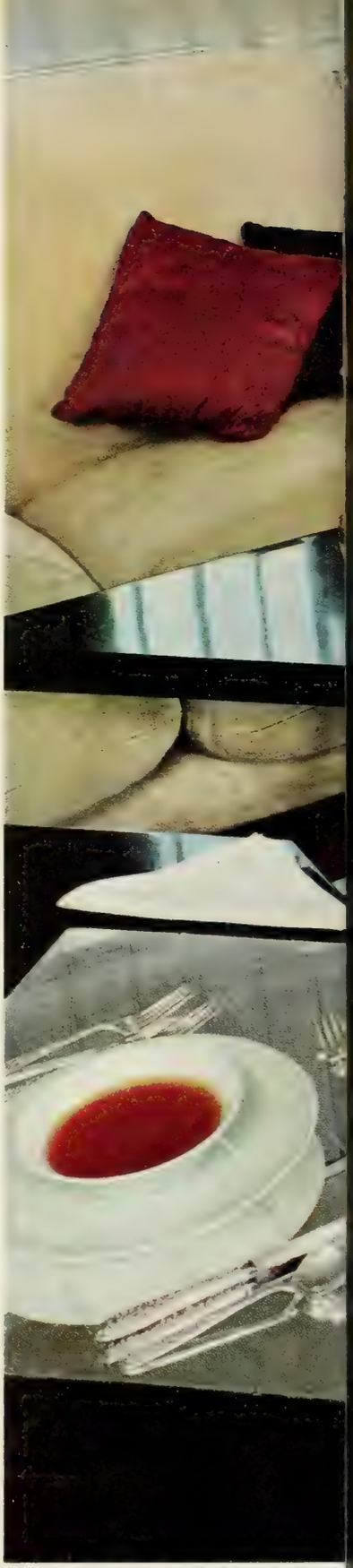


TOP LEFT, GEORGE R. SZANIK; OTHERS, FELICIANO









King-sized cabbages set the theme with Carbone's whimsical bowls and plates—focal points of a gardenlike setting in the dining room of Interior Designer Betsy McAlpin (*left*). Flanked by Gorham silver and stemmed crystal goblets on mirrored mats atop Albrizzi's octagonal glass table, they create a scene at once informal and elegant. Central to the whole is the studied centerpiece

Cabbages (and roses) mix with kingly silver and crystal in a sophisticated play on a whimsical garden theme

(*bottom left*), mixing a formal look of roses and lilies with the peasant charm of the peppers and oranges—very fitting for the mixed mood of this sophisticated room. The floral napkins caught in polka-dot rings repeat the pattern of the deeply gathered tenting that sweeps from scalloped molding to sleaved chandelier. Bright yellow walls keep the sunshine in, regardless of the weather, set off by white window treatments and accessories. Ms. McAlpin injected an extra personal note by painting the design on the floors and finish on the wall-mounted sideboard herself.

Any cocktail party can become a dinner at the push of a button in the New York City living/dining room of Interior Designer Constantine Vichey. The Italian lacquered table has leaves that spring up and out, converting it from a cocktail table (*far right bottom*) to dining height table (*above*). Here, dinner for four is set with precision, each piece

A versatile expanding table is a stunning backdrop for cocktails or dinner

complementing the geometry of the table: hexagonal mirrored placemats, triangular folded napkins, a trio of stemware at each place and sweep of white rounded china from Bloomingdale's to soften the angles (*near right*). Guests sit in comfort upon the pigskin sofa by Willy Rizzo, velvet ottomans and trim Barcelona chairs amid silvered parchment walls, fiberglass mesh window shades and the silver-glazed piano (*right center*).

TWO LEFT, MARIS/SEMEL; OTHERS, FELICIANO











Crystalline elements sparkle in the cobalt blue background of a dining room that comes to life at night (*right*). Interior Designers Richard Ohrbach and Lynn Jacobson, both ASID, planned a dramatic surround as a foil for the many works of Artist/Owner Iris Kaplan, much as it now shows up

Shimmering in the night, glittery mesh is a lively foil for dramatic dining and for the artist's work

this glittering dinner setting for six. The glass-and-chrome dining table, designed by Gary Gutterman for Axius Designs, now displays an arrangement of richly colored Spode "Imari" china on pewter-edged Lucite mats. Small vermeil bamboo forks are simple notes beside the more ornate "English King" flatware and cut crystal, all from Tiffany & Co. Picking up the hues of the garden centerpiece are red tumblers from Georg Jensen and leafy green napkins caught in small silver rings. All the shimmer of this tabletop is repeated at the windows with the floor-length mesh draperies that catch and reflect the spotlights focused on the adjacent wall of paintings and the pedestaled sculpture. Palm trees in baskets soften the strong metallic influence in this setting of urban drama.



Neutral shades of buff and brown create a warm background for an elegant dinner setting (*left*) in a mahogany paneled dining room designed by Arthur Smith for the New York City Kips Bay Boys Club Show House. Bamboo-handled silver flatware, pure white china edged in gold (*near left*), silver salt and peppers and tiny ashtrays, all from Tiffany & Co., circle a central arrangement of sparkling crystal cube lamps. The spacious octagonal table was designed by Arthur Smith, as were the white-finished chairs upholstered in diamond-pane pattern to complement the floor-length tablecloth and intricately

The warmth and elegance of a paneled Old World surround create a splendid stage for dinner on a table of sleek and stylish mien

patterned rug. Surrounding them is an eclectic assortment of period and culture: an antique Louis XVI tiered table holding crystal and a china tea service, topped with a full spray of dogwood, a more contemporary sideboard displaying a pair of pottery sculptures and, for a light contrast against the paneling, a large Indian painting—the stylized gazelle in tune with the room's warm and welcome atmosphere.

TOP RIGHT, FELICIANO; ALL OTHERS, BILL HELMS



Dinner is never more inviting than in a dining room of traditional grace and upbeat charm (*left*). Interior Designer David Eugene Bell, ASID, created this red-and-white country motif of papered walls and painted floors as a foil for Ethan Allen's stately "Georgian Court" furnishings.

A traditional dining room receives a bright new outlook with bold color and pattern

On the oval table, this bold theme is implemented with scalloped placemats, napkins from Porthault and tableware from Mitteldorfer Straus. The floral centerpiece seems even more traditional set off by its brass container, brass candlesticks and multi-armed chandelier. A collection of equally colorful china shows up the wood graining of breakfront and cabinet for a bright, new look at the ever-stately 18th century.

Garden flowers and chunky candles set the pace for the youthful, country mood of a dining room (*right*) designed by Charles H. Lewis, ASID. Yet, elegancies are not overlooked in this setting of Imari china, fine silver and the Old World charm of

Classics come together combined with colorful Oriental flair

pewter from Foster's of Westwood. Through the glass tabletop, an Oriental influence can be seen in *faux* bamboo chairs with seats covered in "Pompeii" fabric from Albert Van Luit & Co., the intricate pattern repeated on the walls.

TOP LEFT, ERNEST SILVA; BELOW, STEVE GRUBMAN; RIGHT, GEORGE R. SZANIK

Springtime is the order of the day all year round in a traditional dining room with a casual flair (*right*) designed by Roy Klipp and Nari Gulrajani, both ASID, for an ASID show house in Chicago. Centered on the custom-designed rug is an octagonal Maguire dining table with tall chairs sporting the catchy combination of rustic reed seats and sophisticated tasseled cushions. The tablesetting reflects this dichotomy with a pattern of Royal Crown Derby china, cut crystal and

Spare elegance dresses a spacious traditional dining room and its tulip-centered table for handsome entertaining in today's manner

goldware placed directly on the simple glass tabletop. An important centerpiece of Oriental motif overflows with tulips, standing high as if to meet New Metal Craft's graceful chandelier and set off all around by the tall gold candlesticks. The elegance of this area is balanced by the more casual window-side sitting group of white bamboo chairs with country-check seats and a plain wood cocktail table.

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shopping ideas from $5 to $500

There are many ways to play Santa—with the item small and precious or big and splendid. Here are pages of ideas, within a range of $5 to $500. (All prices are subject to change.) **(1)** A woven straw ram box with lacquered finish. Boxer & Ashfield, $28. **(2)** Holiday sparkle comes octagonal in vermeil salts and peppers. From Tiffany & Co., $245. **(3)** A most elegant gift, even to yourself, is this covered Italian ceramic bowl. Meiselman Imports, $35. **(4)** Frame a photo in silver and malachite, 12 inches round. By Levco International, $145. **(5)** Soft candlelight and flowers mix in English silverplate candle holders in Queen Anne style. By Towle's Ellis Barker, $39 each. **(6)** This hand-crafted casserole from Italy features a radish-studded top. Eight inches in diameter, it's also available with peas or carrots. Rosa Golub, $49. **(7)** For fruit or flowers, a full lead crystal epergne in Atlantis Crystal. From the "Signature Collection" through Block China, $55. **(8)** An eagle perched on its nest is really a container with hand-woven wings and a hollow body. By Boxer & Ashfield, $330. **(9)** A free-form "Gougerlette" decanter by Holmegaard of Copenhagen, $48. **(10)** One classic that always fits is this onyx cigarette box, four by 3¼ by two inches, made in Italy. Meiselman Imports, $65. **(11)** As sparkling as the season itself is this Newport silverplate fluted bowl by Gorham. In three sizes, from $70 to $100. **(12)** Precious and intriguing: a horn pyramid box with silver legs and trim, 12 inches at base, 11 inches high. From the "Rudolph Collection," through Sigma Marketing, $450. **(13)** Here is a gold-plated strawberry basket, seven by six inches high, with hand-enameled metal berries by Jane Hutchenson. "Fleurs des Siècles" by Gorham, $250.

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(14) For the holiday bonbons that sweeten the season, choose an arc basket made of Lucite and chrome: four by 6½ inches high is $17.50; 5½ by seven inches high costs $20. Through Grainware, from Hammacher Schlemmer. **(15)** The "Crystal Satin" fruit bowl by Viking, $15. **(16)** A gift to give with a bouquet; a hand-blown, lattice-pattern vase made in Portugal by Glassart. Through Block China, $45. **(17)** Not partridges in pear trees, perhaps, but close: two gold-colored quail salt and pepper shakers. At Gucci Shops Inc., $45 the pair. **(18)** Here are three limited-edition Caithness paperweights from Scotland, priced from $57.50 to $300. Through Royal Worcester. **(19)** Fine china is always in good taste, as is this "Fair Lady" covered vegetable bowl by Lenox, $104. **(20)** Or choose a hand-woven basket with round top, lacquer finish. Through Boxer & Ashfield, $28. **(21)** A handmade needlepoint belt with leather frontpiece is one of many available through Elaine Magnin Needlepoint. This style is $25. **(22)** As merry as the ornaments on the tree, a pair of full lead crystal paperweights by Gorham, $60 each. **(23)** Lacquer tray, 12 inches in diameter, $12, and matching five-inch-high stacking box of three bowls, $15, both at Saks Fifth Avenue. Also, an ivory-colored ashtray. At Jenny B. Goode, $5. **(24)** Elegantly Oriental, a "Willow" sauce tureen by Mottahedeh, $35. **(25)** This crystal salad bowl by Paul Hoff, through Kosta Boda, $360. **(26)** And back again to traditional with the "Imperatrice Eugenie" jam jar, by Haviland, $20. **(27)** In the true "Christmas Carol" spirit, here's this "Tiny Tim" porcelain figure designed by Norman Rockwell, 6½ inches high. By Gorham, $30. **(28)** The "Rose" sterling repoussé pepper and open salt set by Stieff, $185. **(29)** The look of luxe: a carriage clock in gold plate and green enamel. At Gubelin, $385.

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(30) For a variety of clear-cut uses throughout the house, a gathering of Lucite containers with ball tops. Tall ones: 2½ by 2½ by six inches high, $32 each; three by three by 4¾ inches high, $42 each. Two saccharin servers: 2½ by 2¼ by 1½ inches high, $15 each; 1¼ by 1¼ by 1½ inches high, $7 each. By Grainware, available at Hammacher Schlemmer. **(31)** A new look at a traditional piece: free-form pewter on glass in a pinched decanter by Royal Holland Pewter. Through the Foreign Advisory Service Corp., $25. **(32)** The most elegant travel clock may well be this three-inch-high design with lapis face and leather case. At Mark Cross, $200. **(33)** Porcelain ginger jars in "Crysanthemum Arabesque," "Crackle Lotus Duck" and "Flying Stork" patterns speak of the elegance of Chinese tradition. By Fitz and Floyd, $100 each. **(34)** To display with or without flowers, a handsome curving "Cirrus" vase made by Boda. From Georg Jensen, $27. **(35)** Tall, slender lines in a "La Paglia" silver plate bud vase by International Silver, $80. **(36)** Here are a pair of perfect accoutrements for the desk: an elk horn table lighter, five inches high, from Gun Agell Designs. At Lorin Marsh, $40. (These horns are shed; the animals are not killed.) Beside it, the substantial look of a green onyx ashtray, eight inches in diameter. By Sigma Marketing, $40. **(37)** Hand-painted pink magnolia blossoms on a white tray, 9¼ by seven inches. At Astro Minerals, $125. **(38)** Relish box is as piquant outside as in. This, 11¼ by three inches, features a multi-color peacock on black-and-terra-cotta lacquerware lid with four removable terra-cotta lacquerware trays inside. Toyo Trading Co., $18. **(39)** Three hand-blown glass-and-copper butterflies by Orient and Flume. Through N. S. Gustin, $45 each. **(40)** "Ching-te-Chen" three-tier server stacks on its caddy to store or show, unstacks to serve. From International China, $40. **(41)** Brass, copper and leather combine uniquely in stunning Art Deco design on a notebook, $60, and cigarette box, $45. From Bottega Veneta. **(42)** A trio of decorative pewter-and-brass ducks, from 8½ to 5½ inches long, will swim across a cocktail table. By Wing On, $28, $20, $14, respectively.

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(43) Visions of Christmases past are recalled brightly in a Queen Anne pewterlike table sconce with attached plate that reflects candlelight and protects the flame from breezes. By Wilton Armetale, $31. **(44)** Set a gala table with "Regato" silver service pieces: the cold meat fork, $155; salad serving fork, $160. At Buccellati. **(45)** Nothing says Christmas like candlelight—and this glass candlestick. From the "American" collection by Blenko Glass Co., $10. **(46)** A pair of gold-colored ducks, 9½ by four by 3¼ inches and 7½ by four by 3¼ inches. At Gucci Shops Inc., $59 the pair. **(47)** Flower column candle holder in silver from Buccellati, $125. **(48)** To display a holiday dessert, raise it up on a pedestaled cake plate—this one is hand-painted in terra-cotta stylized palm fronds on a white background. From the "Brooklyn Museum" collection of Block China, $22.50. **(49)** To use as a centerpiece or planter, a 19-inch-high white ceramic bird cage crowned with doves, made in Italy. Rosa Golub, $270. **(50)** The "Concord," a finely detailed pewter coffee service is by Reed & Barton. Coffee pot, creamer and sugar, $150; tray, approximately $40. **(51)** The "Thousand Window" lead crystal bowl from Orrefors Crystal is a coveted piece that comes in four sizes: 4¾ inches in diameter, $90; seven inches, $140; 8¼ inches, $195; 9½ inches, $240. Through Fisher, Bruce and Co. **(52)** If it is true that good things come in small packages, then one of the best should be this English embossed silverplate box, seven inches high. By Towle's Ellis Barker, $115. **(53)** For special fruits of the sea for a special holiday season, a pewterlike seafood platter with delicate shell handles. By Country Ware, $30. **(54)** Too pretty to hide in a drawer, this crystal perfume flacon for a vanity. The "Two Anemones" design in Lalique Crystal, through Jacques Jugeat, $116. **(55)** A most eye-catching box, regardless of what's put inside, is this handmade model of inlaid cow horn, 19 by 6 by 2½ inches, made in Colombia by Robert Cashan. Through Rees & Orr, available at Bloomingdale's, $85. Seemingly a perfect match is a horn frame with silver edging, 12 by 14 inches, in the "Rudolph Collection" by Sigma Marketing, $350.

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(56) For a touch of nostalgia this holiday, an Early American-style oil lamp. By Wallace Silversmiths, $45. **(57)** For eggnog, a Gunnar Cyren pressed glass bowl. From Dansk Designs, $30. Individual bowls and plates are also available. **(58)** A pair of full lead crystal bookends, 5¼ inches high, are made of Atlantis crystal, part of the "Signature" collection, through Block China, $75. **(59)** This "Kassel" pewter wine flacon is a true historic reproduction of a style popular from the 17th to 19th centuries. By Rosa Golub, $190. **(60)** A functional gift that performs in style is this desk clock in brown enamel and gold plate. From Tiffany & Co., $225. **(61)** Two of three styles in pressed glass ashtrays, available with or without etched lines, from Dansk Designs. Large, $20; medium, $15; small size (not shown), $10. **(62)** A white porcelain yogurt cup just the right size to hold an eight-ounce container of yogurt. At Bonwit Teller, $5 for cup and spoon. **(63)** A gift to cast to the winds: gold-leaf horse weather vane, 31 inches long, made from a 19th-century mold. From Kenneth Lynch & Sons, $478. **(64)** To grace the festive Christmas table, a "Baroque" silverplate cranberry dish with handsome glass liner. By Wallace Silversmiths, $23.50. **(65)** A bud vase of purest line and color to mix with any decor. This six-inch vase is the "Royal Winged Cobra" pattern in terra-cotta on white from the "Brooklyn Museum" collection through Block China, $35.

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Smart, stylish, incredibly versatile, the collection is marked by subtleties of color and by preciseness of pattern





They change their impact with each new coloring

Geré Kavanaugh, a designer and colorist *par excellence*, bends her versatile talents flexibly to interior decoration, the planning of shops, the design of fabrics, china, any object that can benefit by the sophisticated application of originality. Now—for CPS Industries Inc.—she has created a collection of papers that are bound to make this season's gift wrapping an unprecedented delight. Her six patterns, shown here and on the preceding page, are particularly flattering to House Beautiful, as they were inspired by design concepts we have explored—Shibui, The Mix, The New Romanticism and Country Chic. The final designs were selected by our editors. Geré Kavanaugh's papers are cause to rejoice among gifted givers—those who believe that the container should be worthy of the contained, those who know that the careful, loving attention you give to the presentation of a gift is intrinsically part of the gift itself, a tacit message of your esteem for the person you are gifting. Never have there been gift wraps of higher design quality than these. Moreover, they are appropriate to all seasons, all occasions, and could furnish you with a ready wardrobe of wrappings for whatever gifting you do throughout the year. Certainly, never has such perfectionist attention been paid to the subtleties of color and the precise drawing of pattern. See this now in the Persian carpet complexity of **(1)** "Oriental," which indeed took its design cue and rich colors from the designer's study of an East Indian fabric, itself a mix of Oriental influences. The pattern is shown here printed on the glitter of foil, but it comes also printed on a non-glitter background. **(2)** "Zig-Zag" in chevron pattern and textural look of stitchery is suggested by the intricate, romantic embroidery on an antique Indian pillow worthy of a Mogul's divan. In pink, purple and red on gold, it wraps a gift box (*top left*), then changes its character in traditional Christmastime red, white and green on silver, yet turns frosty, cool and elegant when it's printed in blue and white on silver. Last, see it in pink, red and purple on blue. **(3)** "Plum Blossom" is a reminder of restrained, perfect family crests on the *haori* coats of Japanese gentlemen. In blue on red, it wraps a gift smartly (*top left*) and, seen on our opening page of packages, comes also in pink on plum, red on green foil, gold on green foil. The green is a precise match to the color of Japan's ceremonial powdered green tea, which the designer researched and copied exactly. **(4)** "Country Chic" is a stylized and sophisticated rendering of garden flowers, folk art hearts and rick-rack braid, which we show in pink and green and in yellow, orange and green. **(5)** is "Wicker," which was inspired by the perfect weaving of a Japanese rice basket in the collection of the designer, who spent a week drawing its intricate pattern. We show it in beige on brown, orange on yellow and silver on white, the impact of this marvelously useable pattern changing with each colorway. **(6)** "Tile Cross," a romantic derivation from the Iberian patternings of old Portuguese tiles is shown here in green on red foil.

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AMERICA AND AMERICANS

Editor RUTH WEIL □ **The one, the only Groucho—he of the lascivious slouch, the pun outrageous and the retort discourteous—is globally enthroned in the hearts of all who love the puncture of the pompous, but he actually lives in this stylishly unpompous house in Beverly Hills. Interior Designer Peter Shore, well tuned-in to the maestro comic's tastes, gave him this urbane setting that skillfully incorporates the favorite memorabilia of the remarkable Marxian career. In mufti, sans cigar, grease-paint mustache and eyebrows, in his beret, the funniest man in the world sits at his piano (*right*)—"the most important piece of furniture in the whole house."**





FOR THE ONE & ONLY GROUCHO



Groucho loves tones of blue, music, jokes, reminiscences and his army of talented friends—all reflected in the living room. It's arranged to be able to function rather like a nightclub showroom because he entertains a great deal and likes to put on after-dinner shows with his guests taking part. Says Erin Fleming, his secretary and alter ego, "His guests do represent an incredible cross-section and they bring a lot of life into this

Monkeys, ducks, 'Animal Crackers' enliven a mannerly living room that is programmed for live entertaining

house." Every musical great in show biz has played the historic piano—Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Oscar Levant, *et al.* Groucho has a formidable collection of monkeys and ducks, reminiscent of the Marx Brothers films *Monkey Business* and *Duck Soup* and also of the "secret word" bird on his TV quiz show, *You Bet Your Life.* All of these are, fortuitously, now being shown once more. Shore has cleverly used them to accessorize this basically mannerly room. A Kai Bojesen wood monkey hangs in the fireplace holding a Grouchoesque cigar, and for light-hearted color and pattern, cushions and table skirts are in a fabric suggesting a menagerie, which Groucho calls "Animal Crackers" after his famous old film.



FRITZ TAGGART











GROUCHO LIVES WITH WHAT HE LOVES

Groucho, at 86, says he feels as young as he ever did "except for an occasional heart attack." Two years ago he taught himself how to play the piano. He sees every movie, reads everything he can lay hands on, has just written a third book, *The Secret Word is Groucho*, and

Show business memorabilia and personal, family treasures are interwoven smartly into every area

is working on a photo story of his life. He's a spontaneous party-giver, often issuing a same-day dinner invitation to at least 12 or 14 guests.

His crimson dining room (*left* and *top center*), where the Japanese bronzes on the table are not ducks but cranes and the flower arrangement is by David Jones, has an air of French Regency formality that does not at all dampen the spirit of these occasions. He may lead in the singing of *Peasie Weasie*, a song from his 1915 vaudeville act, with guests wearing hats from his zany collection (*above left*). The hall (*top right*) is a museum of Marxana, his Oscar, Emmys, Peabody Award, the French medal of *L'Ordre du Commandant des Arts et Lettres*, a letter from Harry Truman (he's been in correspondence with all the greats of his day: See *The Groucho Letters*). On the wall: pictures of friends, from Babe Ruth to T.S. Eliot, the "Sold Out" sign from his concert in Carnegie Hall, his picture on the cover of *Time*. The painting of Chico, Harpo and Groucho was sent by a fan (he gets more than 1,000 fan letters each week).

One thing he is not and that's a decorator. He left that up to Peter Shore with some input by Erin Fleming, whose home Shore also designed. Their greatest coup—and a delight to Groucho—was finding a door to an old circus wagon, probably the kind his magician grandfather and harpist grandmother traveled in in 19th-century Germany. It is now the headboard of his bed (*above*), with one addition—the center scutcheon is painted with Lydia, the Tattooed Lady, recalling the lady Groucho sang about in one of his films, *At The Circus*.

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Every holiday I get compliments on my ham. Well, this year I added a blend of two rices and twenty-three different herbs and seasonings just so nobody could ignore my potatoes again.



What a success.



HOW TO PERSONALIZE YOUR DINNER PARTIES

WITH OUR RECIPES, YOUR MENU & TURKEY, THE PIECE DE RESISTANCE

By HELEN McCULLY

The *dos* and *don'ts* of a well planned menu: *Do* have contrasts; *don't* serve dishes in which ingredients are duplicated; *don't* follow one "white" dish with another white dish: *do* add color to white dishes, if only a bouquet of parsley; *don't* serve similar sauces in the same menu; *don't* serve fruit twice; *do* serve something crisp with a soft dish; *do* plan the dinner with love, remembering common sense plays a role.

HERE ARE THE RECIPES, YOU PLAN THE MENU

First Course

Oysters on the Half Shell

Cream of Watercress Soup

Pickled Shrimp

Richard Sax's
Stuffed Tomatoes

Avocado-stuffed Mushrooms

Entrées

Apricot-glazed Smoked Turkey with Rice and Apricots

Craig Claiborne's
Cheese-stuffed Turkey

Turkey Cordon Bleu

Turkey Tonnato
With Parsleyed Rice

Turkey-with-Lemon Casserole

Vegetables

Soubise
(Puréed Onions with Rice)

Brussels Sprouts with Chestnuts

Scalloped Potatoes with Carrots

Cauliflower with Mustard Sauce

Mousseline of Yellow Turnips

Desserts

Gino Cofacci's
Fabulous Dacquoise

Crêpes with Raspberry Filling

Orange Soufflé

Baba au Rhum

Pumpkin Marmalade Pie

ABOUT CHEESES

Cheese is a course in itself, either the final or semi-final one. Brie and Camembert, together with Roquefort, are traditional after-dinner cheeses in France. They can all be followed by a sweet dessert. Serve at room temperature, of course, accompanied by French bread.

ABOUT SALADS

Although salads are sometimes served at the beginning of a dinner, we suggest in this instance serving them after the entrée and further, we suggest a bowl of beautiful greens, which should be tossed at the table in a fine vinaigrette sauce.

ABOUT WINES

With these imaginative turkey presentations, one must go beyond the question of red meat or white meat to a true consideration of the way they're prepared. The Turkey Tonnato and Turkey-with-Lemon Casserole are appropriately accompanied by dry (*Text continues on page 138; recipes begin on page 132*)

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Nan Kempner entertains

'ALWAYS PUT YOUR

By CARMINE PORCELLI

Nan Kempner is not exactly a household word, but to many she is a very special symbol of living with style. She's often quoted and photographed by *Women's Wear Daily*—along with many other New York fashion leaders. But few of them are given the subtle accolade *The New York Times* paid Nan Kempner in a recent design story on night stands, listing her choice simply as "Nan Kempner's bedside table. . . ." Just that, Nan Kempner's table—without adjectives or explanation or further description of Mrs. Kempner.

The elegance and style that have made Nan Kempner such a public figure permeate everything she does, and especially her favorite form of entertaining—her delightfully lively midday luncheons.

'people have more to say at lunch . . . and everyone goes back to work even more relaxed'

"I always find an excuse to have friends over for lunch," she says. "People have more to say at lunch and are more relaxed than they are in the evening. When lunch is over, everyone goes back to his or her job even more relaxed."

And besides, she notes, "Lunches also let me invite husbands without wives, or the other way around, so I can really get to know them differently. You can't separate couples for dinner, but you can get to know them as individuals at lunch."

As a "third-generation San Franciscan," Nan Schlesinger came to New York 26 years ago, on her way to Paris to study at the Sorbonne. It was a stopover that became a stop—for she met Thomas Kempner, decided to stay and married him a year later.

A partner in the banking firm of Loeb, Rhoades & Co. Kempner is also a great partner for his wife's dinners and luncheons. "Tommy would far rather be at home than anywhere else, so he makes sure that everyone really is having a good time. He's truly a wonderful host."

Making sure everyone has a good time is at the heart of her own entertaining philosophy. Planning lunches is "not that difficult if you plan your time carefully," she says. "Make the food attractive, the table pretty and always put your guests first."

She always chooses seasonal foods (fresh asparagus is a particular personal delight) and "I depend on shopkeepers to help me have the freshest and the best. I've learned over the years to make friends wherever I shop frequently. Shopkeepers can be so helpful and that makes everything so much easier—besides giving me more time to fuss with a table."

Many of her recipes come out of that old standby, *The Fannie Farmer Cookbook*, but she's always trying out new dishes, "experimenting on my husband first. If it's a big success, then I may include it at a luncheon." But it is also indicative of Nan Kempner's guests-first approach that she makes a point of trying "to remember what good friends like—and make sure they get it when they're in our home." Her friend

'you can't separate couples at dinner but you can get to know them as individuals at lunch'

Pat Buckley, herself a distinguished hostess, adds, "Nan really knows food. It's not only divinely delicious, but it's so attractive. That's a rare combination."

Mrs. Kempner's rule on wine is simple: "I put myself in the hands of my favorite store, Sherry-Lehmann. I ask questions—always question if you're not sure what you want—and I've found there's no



With the same personal style and élan that she displays in her fashion choices, Nan Kempner (top right) creates many of her charming luncheon tables around the porcelain birds that decorate one wall of her sunny dining room (near right). Here, everything has been keyed to a natural theme, the china traced with delicate botanical designs and the mats and napkins in shell motifs (below center). Two of the antique birds flank a centerpiece of greenery in a big clay pot (top left center); two others raise their regal heads over a silver platter with another favorite, asparagus and prosciutto (top right center).

GUESTS FIRST'





reason to spend lots of money on wines. When you build up a good friendship, your wine merchant will tell you what are good years and bad, which wines will be the best to serve with certain dishes."

The Kempner dining room is a spacious surround of classic furnishings, wallpaper in wildflower motif and 18th-century porcelain birds. "I've collected them for years. Whenever I travel, I look for new ones, and I love to mix them on the table."

And whether she is serving a sit-down lunch for eight or a buffet for 20, she has tables. "I hate balancing plates on my lap. If it's a big lunch, I set up two tables of 10. Everyone has a place to go to and can be comfortable—and you also get good conversation, unlike when you have two people off in a corner alone." By day, her tables reflect the dining room's light, airy mood. By night, "Everything is much more subtle, especially when I have lots of candles on the table."

'I choose seasonal foods—and depend on shopkeepers to help me have the freshest and the best'





'ask questions when you're not sure'

Along with her rare porcelains, Nan Kempner is known for mixing china and other table accessories—sometimes heirloom pieces, sometimes clever, colorful Japanese import items, but always with a sure eye for color and detail. "I guess my sense of the visual became more aware when I was an editor at *Harper's Bazaar*. I've never gotten over the demand for perfection."

Many friends think it is this demand for perfection that sets Nan Kempner apart as a hostess—without need for any further qualifying. But if you need to express it, adds Jerry Zipkin, a friend who dines at many of the loveliest tables all over the world, "Nan is one of the most gracious and inventive hostesses anywhere."

FELICIANO

A woman's guide to after-dinner drinks

OFFER A RAINBOW OF CORDIALS...



An array of color, flavor and lovely glassware (left to right): a chocolate liqueur in Orrefors' "Rhapsody" crystal, mint, orange and peach cordials in Fostoria's "Georgetown," "Renaissance" and "Holly," cherry in Lenox "Tuning" pattern. Reflected in back, two Orrefors decanters offer the Blue Curaçao and Parfait Amour.

...CHOOSE FROM A WORLD OF BRANDIES

Brandy probably benefitted most from 19th-century glamorizing of the after-dinner mystique. It was held special, served to prescribed ritual, the spirit that separated the gentlemen from the ladies (and sometimes the men from the boys). Perhaps it was too special. With changes in lifestyles and entertaining modes and in old drinking traditions that did not fully survive the Depression and Prohibition, brandy suffers from lack of familiarity. But there's no need to be afraid. Much of that formal ceremony is unnecessary. And while you may find you never enjoy brandy's strong taste as you do a sweetly familiar cherry cordial, a good brandy in your offerings will certainly show you've mastered all your after-dinner basics.

By LINDA B. DOWNS □ **The after-dinner experience is rife with imagery: of soft-voiced monks collecting herbs for *digestifs* of secret recipe known only behind monastery walls; of wizened alchemists laboriously blending brews they hoped would become sure cure-alls; of chattering, petticoated ladies and basket-toting servants picking berries for a winter's glass of sweetness (watched over, of course, by that same loyal servant); of splendiferous gas-lighted Victorian drawing rooms with silver trays and brandy warmers properly ready and waiting for the proper time. Now impose another image—you, offering your guests your after-dinner array as a natural extension of your hospitality, serving as casually or as ceremoniously as befits your personal entertaining style. The antique patterns lend mystique, but there is no mystery about this most pleasurable experience. And you need learn only a few basics to make it entirely your own.**

The monks and the alchemists may have worked on opposite sides of the church door (alchemists were often believed to be mixing with the devil's aid), but nearly all the early elixirs from both sides were herbal in origin, medicinal in purpose. And, if we believe surviving reports from those pre-Catherine de Medici times, most of those earlies made for pretty bitter swallowing.

Brandy's the kingly choice—but a game any hostess can play

But along came the forces of good living, with that same Catherine supposedly introducing sweeter, flowery liqueurs to the court of France and the upward-turned eyes of the known world, Lucas Bols founding his commercial liqueur firm in 1575 and generations of 19th-century ladies making sweeter cordials fashionable. Today, you can stock a cabinet full of liqueurs and still have a guest ask for one you never heard of. There are *that* many, in all ranges of sweetness and proof, in a flow of flavors from spicy and herbal to fruity and nutty, in all colors of the rainbow—and some hues nature never produced. And there are new ones appearing on the shelves all the time. But no one expects you to have one of everything, and with a basic, well-rounded selection, you can usually present a satisfying alternative to meet any request.

A small but thorough after-dinner collection would include six bottles: one traditional herbal blend or a liqueur usually classified by its spirit base; one Crème de Menthe; one fruit cordial; one Crème de Cacao or a coffee or chocolate liqueur; one licorice- or almond-flavored example; plus one brandy or Cognac (as discussed in the story below).

If you want to be sure to have a couple of safe classics, choose your first two examples from the traditionals—Bénédictine, Drambuie, Irish Mist or Chartreuse in the first group, orange-flavored Grand Marnier or Cointreau or possibly Crème de Cassis (especially if your friends like Kirs at cocktail time) for your fruit cordial. The Crème de Menthe is a standard, a familiar taste that usually will satisfy those who like neither the more powerful taste of brandy or the traditional herbal blends nor the sweet (*Continued on page 148*)

Serve an esteemed Cognac in a jelly glass and if that glass is large enough and rounded enough to let you twirl around the spirit without spilling it, it will still taste like a great brandy. But that glass must be shaped so you can swirl around the spirit, and even then the psychological or emotional aura will not be quite what we think of when speaking of after-dinner brandies. And therein lies the combine of function and folderol that have become so interwoven in the lingering brandy mystique.

If your after-dinner selection is to seem complete, you must include a brandy. If you are to be at ease in your choice and your brandy serving, you need to sort through some of the realities behind that mystique. Brandy is, in simplest terms, an alcoholic beverage, a distilled spirit made from fruit juice, just as other spirits are distilled from grain or corn. The word brandy by itself usually refers to grape brandy, distilled from wine (fermented grape juice); other brandies generally are called fruit brandies or given their full name (such as apple brandy) or a special designation like *eaux-de-vie* or Kirsch (cherry brandy). Brandy deserves its respect, for it truly can be a spirit of great flavor and finesse—though flavor, finesse and character differ widely among the many brandies produced all over the world. Yet, whether we are discussing the finest brandies or those a little more ordinary, all are still only liquids to put into a glass and drink.

Collect a cache of flavors to serve alone or in mixed drinks

Much of the ceremony and the accessories used for serving brandy came about because someone discovered an elemental fact: Because of the way its chemical components interact, brandy's flavors are best released and smoothed and blended together through a certain amount of exposure to heat and air.

If you enjoy entertaining formally and/or observing the old traditions of the world of wine and spirits, include a brandy warmer in your after-dinner accessories. But such is not necessary. Glassware is important, although all brandy snifters are not equally well designed or equally good for you or the brandy. The traditional balloon shape is designed so that as you hold the goblet and gently whirl it around (providing exposure to air), the heat of your hand will impart warmth to the liquid—setting off the chemical reactions mentioned above—and the bouquet released will be channeled to the narrower top to let you sniff the aroma. Professional brandy tasters tell almost as much from bouquet as taste. Without long experience, you will probably (*Continued on page 154*)

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NOBODY EVER TELLS YOU THESE THINGS

By HELEN McCULLY

How is turkey available today?

Obviously, the raw, ready-to-cook turkey weighing from four to 24 pounds or larger is still available. The broiler-fryer turkey, a special breed of small turkey that has a higher ratio of meat to bone at a younger age, weighs from four to 10 pounds. Self-basting turkeys, injected with broth, corn oil or melted butter up to 3% of the weight of the bird, eliminate the need for the cook to do the basting. However, we must point out that these birds are best eaten hot, because once cooled, the injected liquid congeals and is apparent when the bird is carved.

Frozen, stuffed birds, one of the most recent developments in the turkey world, should be roasted from the frozen state. When buying frozen turkeys in any form (and this is true of any frozen foods), make sure that the bird is solidly frozen when you buy it and that the wrappings are neither torn nor broken. Frozen, uncooked whole turkeys can be stored in a freezer at 0° temperature or below for 12 months; uncooked parts, six months; cooked turkey slices or pieces, six months.

Are there any new turkey products?

Yes. Here we cite those we consider the best: Smoked turkey (*see page 132*); turkey tenderloins, fresh or frozen, also called turkey cutlets and fillets, cook as you would scallopine; and turkey roasts, white and dark meat, rolled, tied and netted, and frozen (*see page 132*), weighing from three to four pounds; pan turkey roasts (breast of turkey, breast and thigh or thigh only), weighing two pounds, packed in foil roasting pans with giblet gravy; use fresh ground turkey, frozen, in place of ground meat.

Is cooked turkey readily available?

Yes. In every shape you could imagine: turkey sticks, breaded, frozen; turkey thighs, hickory-smoked, frozen; oven-roasted turkey breasts, ready to eat; diced turkey, frozen, ready to use in casseroles, creamed dishes, salads, etc.; turkey patties, breaded, frozen (heat and serve); turkey wings, frozen; turkey drumsticks, fresh and frozen; turkey hindquarters, fresh and frozen, and ready to cook.

Is it true there is a turkey "ham"?

Yes. Made in various ways, depending on the packer. All are fully cooked, ready to eat, most are fresh though some are frozen. They look like ham and they taste like ham. We also have turkey pastrami, fresh and frozen. To continue, you'll find turkey sausages, fresh, ready to serve; turkey hot dogs; turkey corn dogs, which add up to turkey franks covered with a corn batter, deep-fried and frozen; turkey bologna, fresh.

What do turkey prices look like this year?

Good. We queried Daniel Nuzzi, national director of turkey marketing for Shenandoah Valley Poultry Co., and he tells us turkeys are expected to be more plentiful for the balance of this year, therefore, priced lower than last year. Look for 49 cents per pound special sales *before the* holidays and stock up.

How do you thaw turkeys?

There are three recommended methods for whole birds. *In the refrigerator:* Place turkey in original wrapping, on a tray to catch drippings. Thaw until pliable. Time: four- to 12-pound birds will take one to two days; 12 to 20 pounds, two to three days; 20 to 24 pounds, three to four; halves, quarters, breasts, one to two days; cut-up pieces, three to nine hours.
Room temperature and refrigerator: Place turkey on a tray; partially thaw at room temperature. Complete thawing in refrigerator. Time: four to 12-pound birds, six hours at room temperature, 12 in refrigerator; 12 to 18 pounds, eight hours plus 12 in refrigerator; 18 to 24 pounds, 10 hours plus 12.
Room temperature: Leave bird in original wrapping; wrap in newspaper. Place in cool room. Four- to 12-pound birds take 12 to 15 hours; 12 to 24-pound birds will take 15 to 20. ■

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FOOD

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OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL

Arrange a bed of crushed ice on dinner plates or large soup plates. Place six oysters in their shells in a circle on top of the ice. Garnish with lemon wedges.

CREAM OF WATERCRESS SOUP

6 tablespoons (¾ stick) butter
1 medium yellow onion, peeled and chopped fine
4 cups fresh watercress leaves and tender stems, packed tightly* (about 3½ big bunches)
4 long white California potatoes, peeled and quartered
2 cups chicken broth (your own or canned condensed)
1 cup heavy cream
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Heat *4 tablespoons of the butter* in a large, heavy saucepan. Add the onion and ½ cup of water. Cook until all the water has boiled away and the onion is soft and translucent. Add the watercress, potatoes, chicken broth and *2 cups of water*. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to moderate and cook until the potatoes are tender when pierced with a paring knife.

In the bowl of the electric food processor or in the electric blender, purée (about two cups at a time) until smooth. Return to the saucepan and stir in the cream, salt and pepper to taste. Add the remaining butter.

Pour into heated soup cups and garnish with watercress leaves. Serves eight to 10.

*Set aside about two dozen leaves for garnish.

PICKLED SHRIMP

4 yellow onions, peeled
¾ cup olive oil
3 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled
2 pounds medium shrimp (thawed, if frozen)
½ cup vinegar
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
Several twists of black pepper mill
¼ teaspoon dried ground chili peppers or 2 pickled chili peppers, cut into strips

Chop two of the onions coarsely. Slice the other two very thin; set onion slices aside.

Heat *¼ cup of the oil* in a heavy saucepan. Add garlic and chopped onions. Sauté 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Add the shrimp and sauté until the shrimp turn pink. Take off the heat. When cool enough to handle, shell and devein.

Combine the sliced onions, remaining oil, vinegar, salt to taste, dry mustard, pepper and chili peppers in a plastic bag. Add the shrimp, squeeze out all air and tie securely. Place in a pan in case the bag leaks and refrigerate for 24 hours, turning the bag whenever you think of it so the shrimp are well soaked in the marinade.

Serve to six or eight as an hors d'oeuvre.

RICHARD SAX'S BAKED STUFFED TOMATOES*

6 very ripe tomatoes
3 cups cooked rice (about)
1 package (10-ounce size) petits pois, thawed
6 ounces prosciutto, julienned
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
¾ cup olive oil
12 to 15 sprigs parsley, minced
Fresh basil, minced, to taste (optional)
Juice of 2 lemons, strained

Slice the caps off each tomato (leave the stem end on to make a solid base). Then scoop out pulp and seeds. Salt the inside and turn upside down to drain.

Combine the rice, peas and prosciutto. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add sufficient oil to moisten the filling. Allow the mixture to rest so flavors can blend. Shortly before serving, mix in the herbs and lemon juice. Toss well.

Fill each tomato shell and place in a baking pan with a few tablespoons of water. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for about 12 minutes or until the tomatoes are piping hot. (*Note:* These tomatoes are equally delicious cold.)

*A young chef who does catering and food writing, Sax is now in France enlarging his culinary scope.

AVOCADO AND MUSHROOM HORS D'OEUVRE

1 pound medium fresh mushrooms
⅓ cup olive oil
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
10 to 12 sprigs parsley, minced
1 clove garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
1 teaspoon salt
Several twists of the pepper mill
2 ripe avocados
Juice of 1 lemon, strained

Break the stems off the mushrooms. (Set stems aside to make soup.) Wipe the caps with a clean, damp cloth.

Combine all remaining ingredients *except the avocados and the lemon juice*. Mix well. Add the mushroom caps. Then place in a plastic bag, squeeze out all air and tie securely. Refrigerate. Marinate for several hours or overnight, turning the bag whenever you get a chance.

Shortly before you're ready to serve, cut the avocados in half, remove the seeds and scoop out the flesh. In the electric food processor, purée with the lemon juice until smooth. Taste for seasoning. Drain the mushrooms (save the marinade to use on a salad) and fill each cap with the avocado purée. Arrange on a serving platter with a bouquet of watercress and lemon quarters. Serve with baked toast to six or eight.

APRICOT-GLAZED SMOKED TURKEY WITH RICE AND APRICOTS

1 10-pound smoked turkey*
Glaze:
1 jar (12-ounce size) apricot preserves (not dietetic)

To cook and glaze the turkey: Place on a rack, breast side up, in a roasting pan and cook in a preheated 300° oven for one hour. Thirty minutes before you take it from the oven, spoon the apricot glaze all over the turkey. Return to the oven for the remainder of the cooking time or until the glaze has set. Place on a serving platter and allow the bird to "rest" for 25 to 30 minutes. Before serving tuck a bouquet of fresh watercress or parsley in the vent.

Glaze: Place the jar of apricot preserves, without its cover, in a small saucepan of water over low heat until the contents have melted. Then push through a fine sieve to eliminate any lumps of fruit.

Rice and Apricots:
2 boxes (six-ounce size) long-grain and wild rice
2 cups (one seven-ounce package) dried apricots
½ cup (one stick) butter, melted
About 20 sprigs parsley, minced
1 can (4½-ounce size) whole, blanched almonds, toasted and chopped coarsely
Grated rind of 1 lemon
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground cloves
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Cook the rice, *without the accompanying seasonings*, allowing only 2 cups of water to each package. Place the apricots in a saucepan with 2 cups of cold water. Bring to a boil and boil five minutes. Drain. When cool enough to handle, slice thin lengthwise—in short, julienne.

Combine all the ingredients and mix with your hands. Add salt and pepper to taste. The rice can be cooked ahead of time but it should be hot when served. To heat, place in an ovenproof casserole, covered with foil, in a preheated 300° oven for 30 minutes or so. If too dry, add a little more melted butter. Serve with the turkey.

P.S. Be sure to make a good pea soup with the turkey bones.

*Moorhouse smoked turkeys, six to 11 pounds, can be ordered directly from Moorhouse Turkey Hatchery, Clear Lake, Minn. 55319. Jerome Foods Inc. smoked turkeys, eight to 16 pounds, are available in New York at Maison Glace, Fraser-Morris, Zabar's, Bloomingdale's, R.H. Macy, Salnet Produce Co. Inc.; in Chicago at Stop & Shop and Pfaelzer Bros. Menuchah nine-pound smoked turkeys can be ordered directly from Menuchah Farms Smokehouse at Darfler Road, West Hebron, Granville, N.Y. 12832. Swift smoked turkeys, eight to 10 pounds, are available in supermarkets nationally. All are smoked over either hickory or apple wood. None have preservatives. All are frozen.

CRAIG CLAIBORNE'S CHEESE-STUFFED TURKEY*

1 six- to seven-pound ready-to-cook turkey, thawed if frozen
1½ pounds ricotta cheese
1½ cups (about 2½ ounces) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
2 eggs
2 cups fresh bread crumbs (about 4 slices firm bread)
8 to 10 sprigs parsley, minced
Half a lemon
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
Butter, softened
2 medium onions, peeled and chopped
2 carrots, scrubbed, chopped
2 cups chicken broth, your own or canned condensed

Combine the cheeses, eggs, bread crumbs and parsley in a large bowl. Mix well with your hands. Then add salt and pepper to taste.

Rub the inside of the turkey with the lemon. Fill the body with the stuffing. Truss. Massage the bird well with softened butter, then sprinkle with salt and pepper. Soak a double layer of fresh cheesecloth—large enough to drape over the breast, legs and thighs—in ½ cup melted butter. Scatter the chopped onions, carrots, and celery over the bottom of a roasting pan. Place the turkey on a rack above the vegetables.

Roast in a preheated 350° oven for 2½ to three hours (about 25 minutes per pound). Baste with pan drippings every 20 minutes, right through the cheesecloth (*Continued*)



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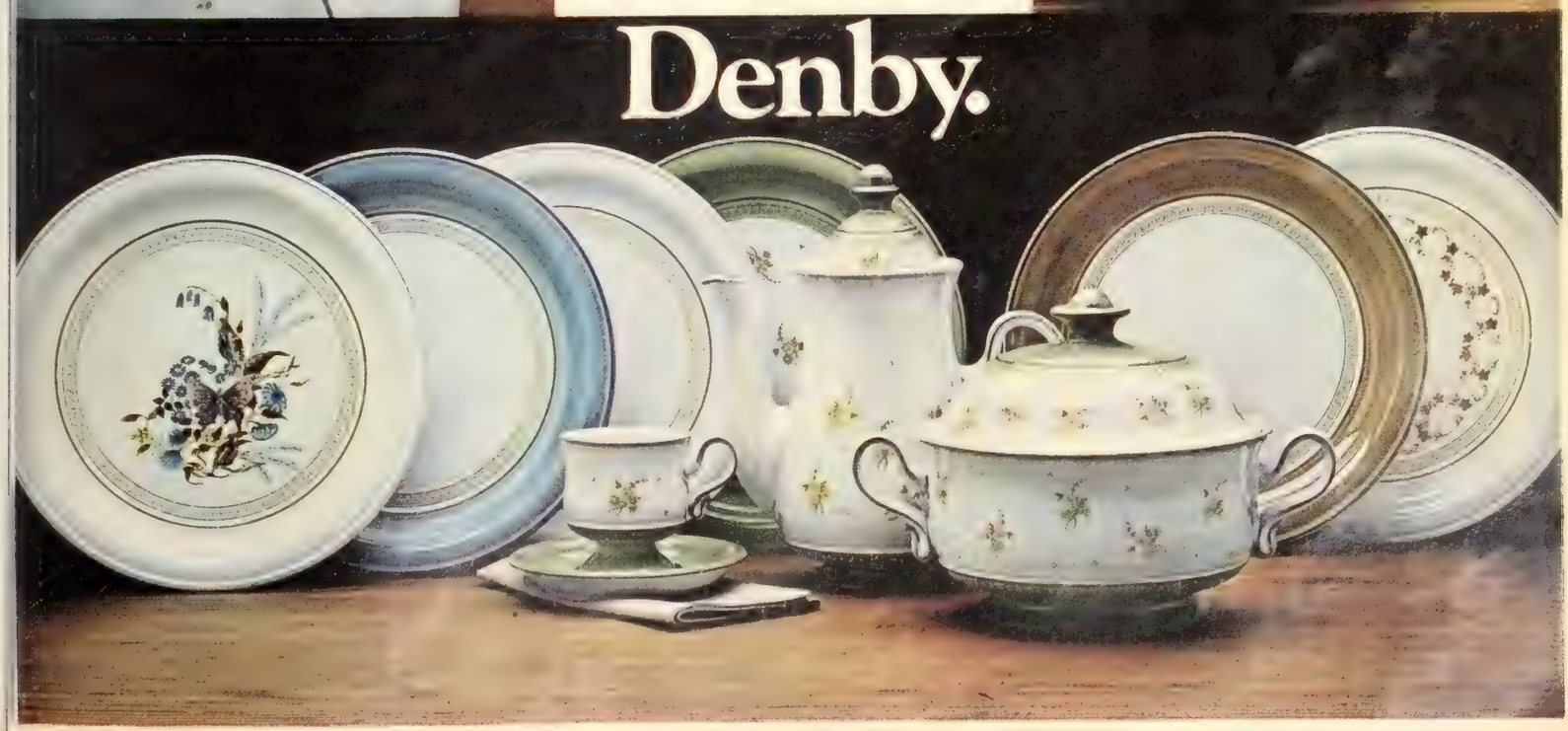
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Half an hour before the bird has finished cooking, remove the cheesecloth to allow the bird to finish browning. Test for doneness: If turkey is done, juices should run clear when the drumstick is pierecd with a fork in the thickest part or it will feel very soft when it's squeezed or register 175° on a Bi-Therm meat thermometer (take care not to touch bone). Remove the cooked turkey from the oven and place on a heated platter. Remove and discard the trussing string. Allow to "rest" for 20 to 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the sauce. Add the chicken broth to the roasting pan. Bring to a boil, using a wooden spatula to scrape down all the brown particles that adhere to the pan. Reduce to about 1½ cups. Taste for salt and pepper. Take off the heat and strain into a saucepan. Add a tray of ice cubes. The fat will congeal around the ice and both can be discarded. Bring the sauce to a boil again and boil three to five minutes. Pour sauce into a heated sauceboat.

*Claiborne is food news editor of The New York Times. His latest book just out, is *Craig Claiborne's Favorites from The New York Times.*

TURKEY CORDON BLEU

1 four- to six-pound boneless, rolled turkey roast, thawed
½ cup brandy
½ cup Madeira
2 carrots, peeled and sliced ⅛-inch thick
1 large yellow onion, peeled and sliced ⅛-inch thick
1 tablespoon salt
Bouquet garni tied in a cheesecloth bag:
6 stalks parsley, 1 bay leaf, ½ teaspoon thyme, 6 peppercorns
½-pound package ham slices
2 six-ounce packages Swiss cheese slices
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter
2 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
4 to 5 strips bacon, cut in half across

Carefully cut away the bag around the turkey. With a sharp chef's knife, make a series of four parallel cuts, about one inch apart, down the full length of turkey roast, cutting right through the string (which should be discarded) *to within—and this is very important—½ inch of the bottom of the roast.* Now, pull off all the skin. With great care, place the roast flat in a large plastic bag.

Combine the brandy, Madeira, carrots, onions, salt and the bouquet garni. Add to the bag with the roast. Squeeze out all air and tie securely. Place in a pan so the roast can lie flat. Refrigerate at least six hours or overnight. Turn the bag whenever you get a chance so the roast will get well soaked with the marinade.

To prepare for the roasting: Scrape off all the vegetables clinging to the turkey. Place a slice of boiled ham between two slices of cheese and insert in one of the cuts. If these slices are too wide, fold over and then insert. Fill all the cuts this way. Now, with a strong white string, retie the roast securely from one end to the other, tying every 1½ inches. It will look odd when you finish, but relax, because it will all go together when roasted.

Strain the marinade, reserving the liquid. Melt the butter and oil in a heavy, ovenproof casserole large enough to accommodate the meat. Add the vegetables. Now place the meat, uncut side down, on top of the vegetables. Cover the top of the roast with strips of bacon laid crosswise. Add the cover. Place in a preheated 350° oven and roast for about two hours or until a Bi-Therm meat thermometer registers at 175.° Remove from the oven and place on a heated serving platter. Cut and discard the strings.

To make the sauce: Pour the reserved liquid into the casserole. Place over medium heat and cook, stirring the vegetables with a wooden spatula, for about five minutes. Strain through a fine sieve, pressing the vegetables with a rubber spatula to get all their juices. Now, with a bulb baster, draw off all the fat on the surface. Bring to a boil again. Pour sauce into a heated sauceboat. Serves six to eight.

TURKEY TONNATO

1 four-pound boneless, rolled turkey roast, thawed
1 large onion, skin on, sliced coarsely
2 ribs celery, with tops, coarsely chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed and peeled
1 large carrot, washed and coarsely chopped
1 can (seven-ounce size) tuna packed in oil
2 cups dry white wine
½ teaspoon thyme
Few stalks parsley
1 can (two-ounce size) anchovy fillets
½ large sour pickle, chopped coarsely
6 to 8 peppercorns
8 cups chicken broth or 6 cans (10½-ounce size) condensed
1 pint commercial mayonnaise or 2 cups of your own, very thick
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
Capers, well drained
Do not add salt

Carefully cut off the bag around the turkey roast. Then pull off all the skin. Do not cut the string. Place in a large, heavy casserole with all the ingredients *except the mayonnaise, lemon juice and capers.* Make sure there is sufficient liquid to cover the roast completely. Bring up to a boil, reduce heat to simmer, cover the top of the casserole with a round of waxed paper, add the lid and simmer about one hour or until a Bi-Therm meat thermometer registers 175.° Refrigerate the roast along with the broth in the casserole overnight.

The following day, remove the turkey from the broth, wrap securely in foil or in a plastic bag and refrigerate.

Place the casserole with the broth over high heat and bring to a rolling boil. Boil hard until reduced to about four cups. Strain. Discard the vegetables. Refrigerate. When broth is cold, skim off any fat that has risen to the surface.

To make the sauce: Place 1½ cups mayonnaise in a generous bowl. Using a wire whisk, gradually beat in enough of the *cold* strained broth to make a smooth sauce about the thickness of heavy cream. If necessary, whip in more broth to bring it to the right consistency. Whip in the lemon juice and taste for seasoning. At this point, you may find the sauce needs salt.

To serve, mound cold cooked rice, mixed with lots of minced parsley, down the length of a large handsome platter. Slice the turkey very, very thin and arrange the slices, overlapping, down the center of the mound of rice, leaving a ring of parsleyed rice all around. *Spoon sauce over the meat only* (it should be heavy enough to cling to the meat but not to make a firm mask). Sprinkle the meat with the drained capers. Serve the remaining sauce on the side sprinkled with additional capers. Serves 12 generously.

TURKEY-WITH-LEMON CASSEROLE

2 pounds turkey fillets (thawed if frozen)*
4 tablespoons olive oil
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Juice of 1 lemon
1 whole lemon, sliced thin
1 teaspoon arrowroot, about
Lemon wedges
Parsley bouquet

The important thing here is to have an oven-proof casserole—just large enough to accommodate the turkey in layers—with a tight-fitting lid. Sprinkle the bottom with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Cover with a layer of turkey and season with salt and pepper. Then sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of the oil and 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and add a couple of lemon slices. Repeat until all ingredients are used. Seal with double-duty foil, then cover tightly. Cook in a preheated 300° oven until the turkey is very tender when tested with a fork. After one hour, test with a Bi-Therm meat thermometer. The thermometer should read 170° to 175.°

To serve, carefully lift the slices of turkey with a metal serving spatula onto a heated platter. Arrange overlapping down length of the platter. Discard lemon slices. Keep warm.

Place the casserole back over a high heat and reduce the liquid to about ¾ of a cup. Mix the arrowroot with enough cold water to make a smooth paste. Add to the casserole and cook over low heat, stirring constantly with a wire whisk until the sauce has thickened slightly. Strain and spoon over the meat.

Garnish the platter with lemon wedges and the parsley bouquet. Serves four to six.

*Also known as tenderloins and cutlets. Packed by Shenandoah, Marval and Rich's, they are available in supermarkets.

SOUBISE
(Rice and Onions)

¼ cup long-grain rice
Salt
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, cut up
1½ pounds yellow onions, peeled and sliced thin

Drop the rice into two quarts boiling, salted water. When the water comes to a boil again, boil five minutes. Drain.

Melt the butter in a large, heavy casserole that has a cover. Stir in the onions, a dash of salt and the rice. Cover and cook in a preheated 325° oven for 45 minutes or until the rice and onions are very tender but not browned. Serves eight.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH CHESTNUTS

1 pound Brussels sprouts steamed
Salt
1 can (15½-ounce size) whole chestnuts in water*
6 tablespoons (¾ stick) sweet butter, melted
Several twists of the pepper mill
Freshly grated nutmeg to taste
Minced parsley

To steam the sprouts, cut off the stem end. Pull off the outer leaves and any wilted leaves. Soak sprouts in water for 15 to 20 minutes before cooking.

In a heavy saucepan, add enough water to reach to about ¼ inch. Add a (*continued*)



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Dash of salt. Bring to a boil. Add sprouts, cover tightly and steam five to 10 minutes or until tender but crisp. Take care not to overcook. Drain well. Return the drained sprouts to the saucepan. Then place over moderate heat and shake until the sprouts are dry.

Heat the chestnuts, covered, in a heavy saucepan. Drain well. Combine the sprouts and chestnuts. Add the butter, pepper and nutmeg. Shake the pan over a good heat to coat the vegetables. Pour into a heated serving dish. Garnish with minced parsley. Serves six to eight.

*Imported from France, chestnuts can be found in stores specializing in imported foods.

SCALLOPED POTATOES AND CARROTS

3 tablespoons butter
6 to 7 carrots, peeled and sliced ⅛-inch thick
6 to 7 green onion bulbs, minced
4 to 5 long white California potatoes, peeled and sliced ⅛-inch thick
Salt
Several twists of white pepper mill
2 cups heavy cream

Combine *2 tablespoons of the butter,* the carrots, green onions, a good big pinch of salt and about 1 cup of water in a heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer and simmer 20 to 30 minutes or until the carrots are tender and all the liquid has evaporated.

Take the remaining butter and butter the bottom and sides of a two-quart baking dish that can go to the table. Starting with the potatoes, make layers of potatoes and carrots, finishing with potatoes. Sprinkle each layer with salt and freshly ground pepper. Add the cream.

Place in a preheated 325° oven and bake for about one hour, until the potatoes are tender when pierced with a sharp paring knife and the top is lightly browned. Serves six.

CAULIFLOWER WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

2 medium cauliflowers
1 cup heavy cream
1 cup homemade mayonnaise
Salt
3 tablespoons Grey Poupon mustard
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
Paprika

Wash the cauliflower well. Cut off the outer leaves and the heavy stem, also any small bruised sections. Place each cauliflower in a saucepan with about an inch of boiling salted water. Cover and steam 20 to 30 minutes or until crisply tender. Make sure to drain very thoroughly and to keep warm.

Whip the cream and set aside. Combine the mayonnaise, salt, mustard and lemon juice and whip until well mixed. Fold in the whipped cream. Pour over the cauliflower or serve separately. In either case, sprinkle with paprika. Serves eight.

MOUSSELINE OF YELLOW TURNIPS

3 large yellow turnips
3 large potatoes
1 teaspoon sugar
Salt
Freshly ground white pepper
Butter, softened
Heavy cream

Peel the turnips and potatoes; cut into cubes. Cook each separately in boiling salted water, covered, until tender when pierced with a paring knife. Drain well. Purée in the electric mixer. Beat in sugar, salt and pepper to taste, a good big lump of butter and enough heavy cream to give you a creamy, lumpless purée. Place in the top of a double boiler and keep warm over simmering water. Seal top with Saran.

To serve, spoon into a heated vegetable dish and add a good lump of butter. Serves eight.

GINO COFACCI's FABULOUS DACQUOISE*

Take baking parchment; make three separate, 10-inch circles. Set aside on cookie sheets.

Meringue:
¾ cup blanched almonds
¾ cup filberts
1 tablespoon cornstarch, sifted
2½ tablespoons sugar
6 egg whites (use extra large eggs)
Pinch of salt
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
⅛ teaspoon almond extract

Place the nuts in a moderate oven and toast until golden. Grind in the electric food processor, using the steel blade. Mix the nuts with the cornstarch and sugar. Set aside.

Beat the egg whites in the electric mixer until they begin to hold a shape. Beat in the salt and cream of tartar. Add the sugar and almond extract, beating until the whites hold firm, shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Fold in the nuts with a rubber spatula. Scoop the mixture into a pastry bag with a No. 5 tube. Then fill each circle, starting at the outside edge. Place in a preheated 275° oven and bake for one hour or until the meringue is firm to the touch. Take from the oven and cool briefly. Turn over and peel off the paper.

Meanwhile, make the Mocha Butter Cream:
⅔ cup sugar
⅛ teaspoon cream of tartar
⅓ cup water
1½ tablespoons instant espresso
6 egg yolks
½ cup (two sticks) sweet butter

Combine the sugar, cream of tartar, water and espresso in a large, heavy saucepan. Place over moderate heat and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Cover and bring to a boil. Boil until the syrup reaches 236° on a candy thermometer.

Beat the yolks in the electric mixer, adding the syrup drop by drop. Continue beating until completely cold. Then beat in the butter, 1 tablespoon at a time. Cover mixture and refrigerate 30 minutes.

To finish the Dacquoise: Spread the butter cream between the layers, around the sides and over the top. Sift the confectioners' sugar over the butter cream on top. Refrigerate until serving time.

*Architect turned pastry chef, Cofacci's pastries are featured in such splendid restaurants as New York's Trattoria da Alfredo.

CREPES WITH RASPBERRY FILLING

1 cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
½ cup (one stick) sweet butter
2½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
4 eggs
1 cup flat beer

Combine the milk, salt, sugar and butter in a saucepan. Place over low heat until the butter has melted.

Place the flour in the bowl of the electric food processor with the steel blade. Add the vegetable oil and eggs. Turn the processor on and off until thoroughly mixed. Add the milk mixture. Again, turn the processor on and off until thoroughly mixed. Finally, mix in the beer. Strain mixture through a fine sieve, then refrigerate for at least two hours.

To bake the crêpes: Take a five-inch *crêpe* pan or cast-iron pan and place over medium heat. When a few drops of water dropped on the pan sputter and bounce, the pan is ready. Brush the pan lightly with oil. Holding the pan in your left hand, add about 3 tablespoons of batter with your right hand. Quickly tilt the pan in all directions so the bottom is completely covered with a thin film. Place back over the heat for about one minute. Then turn with your fingers or use a spatula and cook the second side for about 30 seconds.

Note: The second side will be "freckled." Place the cooked *crêpes* on a plate with a piece of waxed paper between each.

If the *crêpes* are going to be used immediately, keep warm in a low (120°) oven. Otherwise, refrigerate and reheat when needed. Makes 24 *crêpes* or enough to serve 12.

Raspberry Filling:
2 jars (10-ounce size) raspberry jam
3 tablespoons cornstarch
Big pinch salt
Dark rum
Crème fraiche

Melt jam over low heat, beating constantly. Stir in the cornstarch and cook, stirring constantly, until the filling has thickened. Take off the heat and stir in the salt and rum to taste. Makes 2 cups.

To serve the crêpes: Spread a spoonful of the filling down the center of the "freckled" side of each *crêpe.* Roll up and place seam side down on a heat-proof serving platter. Sprinkle with melted butter and granulated sugar. Place in a preheated 375° oven until piping hot. Serve at once with a dollop of *crème fraîche.*

ICED ORANGE SOUFFLE

Juice of 4 oranges, strained (about 1 cup)
1 envelope unflavored gelatine
6 eggs, separated
Grated rind of 1 orange
Grated rind of 1 lemon
1 cup sugar
Juice of 1½ lemons, strained (about ¼ cup)
¾ teaspoon salt
2 cups heavy cream
Garnish: **Rosettes of whipped cream, well-drained mandarin sections, grated dark sweet chocolate**

Pour *½ cup of the orange juice* into a small dish. Sprinkle with the gelatine. Set dish aside for the moment.

Place the yolks in a heavy saucepan. Add the rinds, *1 cup of the sugar,* the remaining orange juice, lemon juice and salt. Beat with an electric beater until thick and creamy. Place over low heat and cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture coats a spoon. Take off the heat and stir in the gelatine mixture until completely dissolved. Cool in the refrigerator until the mixture mounds slightly when it's dropped from a spoon—20 minutes or so.

Beat the whites in the electric mixer until they begin to hold a shape. Gradually add the remaining sugar, beating constantly. Continue beating until the meringue holds firm, shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Whip the cream. Fold both whites and cream into the orange

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BABA AU RHUM

1 package active-dry yeast or 1 cake yeast compressed
3 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon salt
¼ lukewarm milk
4 eggs, slightly beaten
2 cups sifted, all-purpose flour
⅔ cup soft butter

Sprinkle yeast over ¼ cup lukewarm water to soften, then combine with sugar, salt, lukewarm milk and eggs. Stir in flour and beat dough energetically for at least eight minutes with a wooden spatula.

Cover bowl with a tea towel, set in a warm spot and let rise until double in size. Now beat in butter until blended in completely. Fill greased baba molds about ⅓ full (muffin tins can be used) and let rise the second time until *almost* double in size. Bake in a preheated 350° (moderate) oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out dry when tested in the center. Unmold onto a shallow dish (with a rim) and cool slightly.

While *babas* cool, make this syrup: Bring 2 cups water and 1 cup sugar to a boil. Remove from heat. cool to lukewarm and stir in ½ cup dark rum.

Prick tops of *babas* in several places with toothpicks and pour syrup over tops very, very gradually. Let stand about 30 minutes, basting frequently. The *babas* should be moist and spongy and absorb all the syrup.

To finish in the traditional manner: Heat ¾ cup apricot preserves in small saucepan. When warm, work through a sieve and spoon or brush the tops of *babas* with this glaze. Decorate with candied cherries on top or whole blanched almonds. Makes 15 to 20 and they are simply superb.

PUMPKIN MARMALADE PIE

2 baked eight-inch pastry shells*
1 can (one-pound size) pumpkin
1 cup apple butter
1 whole egg
2 egg yolks
½ cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
1⅔ cups evaporated milk
½ cup orange marmalade
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Combine the pumpkin and apple butter in a large bowl. Mix well. Add the whole egg, egg yolks and all remaining ingredients *except the marmalade.* Beat with an electric beater until it's smooth.

Pour half the mixture into each pie shell. Place in a preheated 425° oven and bake for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 325° and continue baking another 25 minutes or until set. Cool. Once pies are cooked, wrap *one pie* in moisture, vapor-proof wrap; freeze for future.

To finish the other pie, spoon the marmalade over the entire surface of the filling. Whip the cream and spoon over the marmalade just before serving.

**Use your favorite pastry recipe.* Once the pie pan has been fitted with pastry, chill for 30 minutes. Then line the shell with foil, fill with dry beans or rice, pushing filling against the sides of the shell. Place in a preheated 450° oven and bake 15 minutes or until the pastry has set and the edges have begun to brown. Take from the oven. Using a pastry brush, coat the entire shell with an egg yolk beaten with 1 tablespoon water. Return to oven for two minutes or until glaze has set. This technique precludes a soggy crust. Cool before filling. ■



WINES (*Continued*): Champagne or a crisp white such as a true Chablis, a Johannisberg Riesling from California, perhaps a Soave or an Alsace Gewürztraminer. If you want a rosé, choose a dry rosé with some character—these dishes will not mate well with sweet wines.

The combination of flavors in the other entrées call for red wine—a Beaujolais if well-bodied; better yet, a light but sound Burgundy, an elegant Bordeaux or California Cabernet or a Gattinara from Italy, which could continue on and be served with your cheese course (unless you want to switch to Port).

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FEELINGS ABOUT FOOD

By JACQUES PEPIN □ In our age of progress, speed, mechanization, cooking, up to a few years ago, had not kept pace with changes. Until, at most, 30 years ago, our ways with food were the same as a century earlier; a local growing and distribution of fresh products and a conventional method of cooking. Then, for better or worse, change set in and larger, more efficient farming, refrigeration, convenience foods, cooking gadgets and microwave ovens appeared.

Our feelings and affinities with the most important of human needs are getting blunted. Direct contact between basic food and the consumer has been lost through too many intermediaries and transformations. Chicken is not a winged creature with feathers, feet, cockscombs, etc. anymore, but neatly arranged rows of wings, thighs and breasts, pale, odorless and inconspicuously lurid. The less identifiable seems better; hence, the great success of fish sticks, pressed meat and poultry rolls, dry parsley, etc.; the closer to the original produce the worse; hence, the unsuccessfulness of pigs' or beef feet, tripe, calf's head (once used in many classic European cuisines) and all offal from animals in general.

There is too much hypocrisy and humanization of animals. Most people will eat a Philadelphia pepper pot if they are not aware it is made with tripe. Black pudding (a nice euphemism for blood sausage) is enjoyable if people do not realize the contents. Rabbit or chicken are enjoyed only if the killing and plucking is not obvious. There can be much argumentation about the killing of a trout or lobster. People refuse to witness it, but they are delighted to eat it. The more humanized the worse. Few can view the butchering of a deer. However, not many react at the killing of a frog or an eel. Most people love cold salmon, as long as it's served without the head. The days when butchering-time was a part of farm life are long gone.

We are getting away from the fundamentals, more comfortable with standardized products, distinctively insipid and wishy-washy. Paradoxically, most people crave for "mother's home cooking." The taste memory of dishes marking our tender age lingers forever in our more sophisticated palate; whether the food was good or inedible is unimportant. There is much subjectivity in food. Our appetite is often determined by the involvement we have with food. In that respect, the cooking method, as well as our attitude, plays an important function.

Barbecue cooking is at one end of the spectrum and microwave at the other. At a picnic, everyone is hungry and everything is mouth-watering. Cooking on an open fire in the middle of nature satisfies some primeval impulses in people. The lack of conformity, the smell of wood burning, the basic simplicity, as well as the fresh air and the participation and control one has over the method of cooking make the food more appealing, and quite palatable. The same goes for country bread baked in a large wood-burning oven.

Going up the ladder, there's still involvement with the food when cooking on an open gas burner, seeing the flames and smelling the food. The electric stove is already less satisfying, but the source of heat is still visible and the pot is boiling nicely. The counter range eliminates the visual effect of the hot, friendly stove. By then, the appetite is gone.

In the next step, the complete kitchen will vanish and a couple of pills will replace what was once the most basic and enjoyable function of man. Let's go back to the stove, to smell, touch, feel and enjoy food and get back to living again. ■



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BALLONTTINE OF DUCK

1 four-to five-pound duck, deboned

Stuffing:

2 tablespoons butter
1 onion, peeled and chopped fine
¾ pound ground veal or pork
¾ cup white bread crumbs (about three slices firm white bread)
1 teaspoon sage
6 to 8 sprigs parsley, minced
3 tablespoons sherry
1 egg, beaten
2 thin slices cooked ham, julienned
2 tablespoons shelled pistachios
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Sauce:

½ cup beef broth, your own or canned condensed
½ carrot, coarsely cut
½ small onion, peeled and sliced
1 teaspoon arrowroot or cornstarch
¼ cup Madeira
⅓ pound mushrooms, sautéed in butter
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

To make the stuffing: Combine butter and onion in a glass bowl. Place in the microwave for 30 seconds. Combine with ground meat, bread crumbs, parsley, sage and sherry. Mix in the beaten egg, adding salt and pepper to taste.

Stuff the duck, alternating ham and pistachios (this makes an interesting design when the duck is served), along with the stuffing. Shape the ballonttine in a cylinder, as long and as narrow as possible. Sew up with a trussing needle and heavy white thread, threading and tying at regular intervals to keep the ballonttine in shape.

Place in a long, narrow glass or earthenware dish. If you have a probe, insert the probe and set for 160°. Microwave on high for 11 to 14 minutes. Make sure it reaches 160° on the probe. Without a probe, cook 14 to 18 minutes. Take from the oven. If microwave oven does not have browning element featured, place the dish in a preheated broiler, six inches from the heat, until golden brown. Turn and brown the other side. Allow to "rest" for five minutes before cutting or refrigerate. In that case, slice and reheat later.

To make the sauce: Combine the broth, carrot and onion and simmer until the vegetables are soft. Strain, pressing the vegetables with a rubber spatula to extract all the juices. Return the liquid to the pan. Bring to a high boil and reduce to half. Mix the arrowroot or cornstarch and Madeira until smooth. Add to the sauce and beat with a wire whip until combined. Simmer five minutes. Add the mushrooms and season with salt and pepper to taste. Take off the heat. Seal with Saran to prevent a skin from forming. Refrigerate unless you are going to serve immediately. Then reheat to serve.

Serve the ballonttine to six or eight with freshly cooked green beans or a green salad. ■

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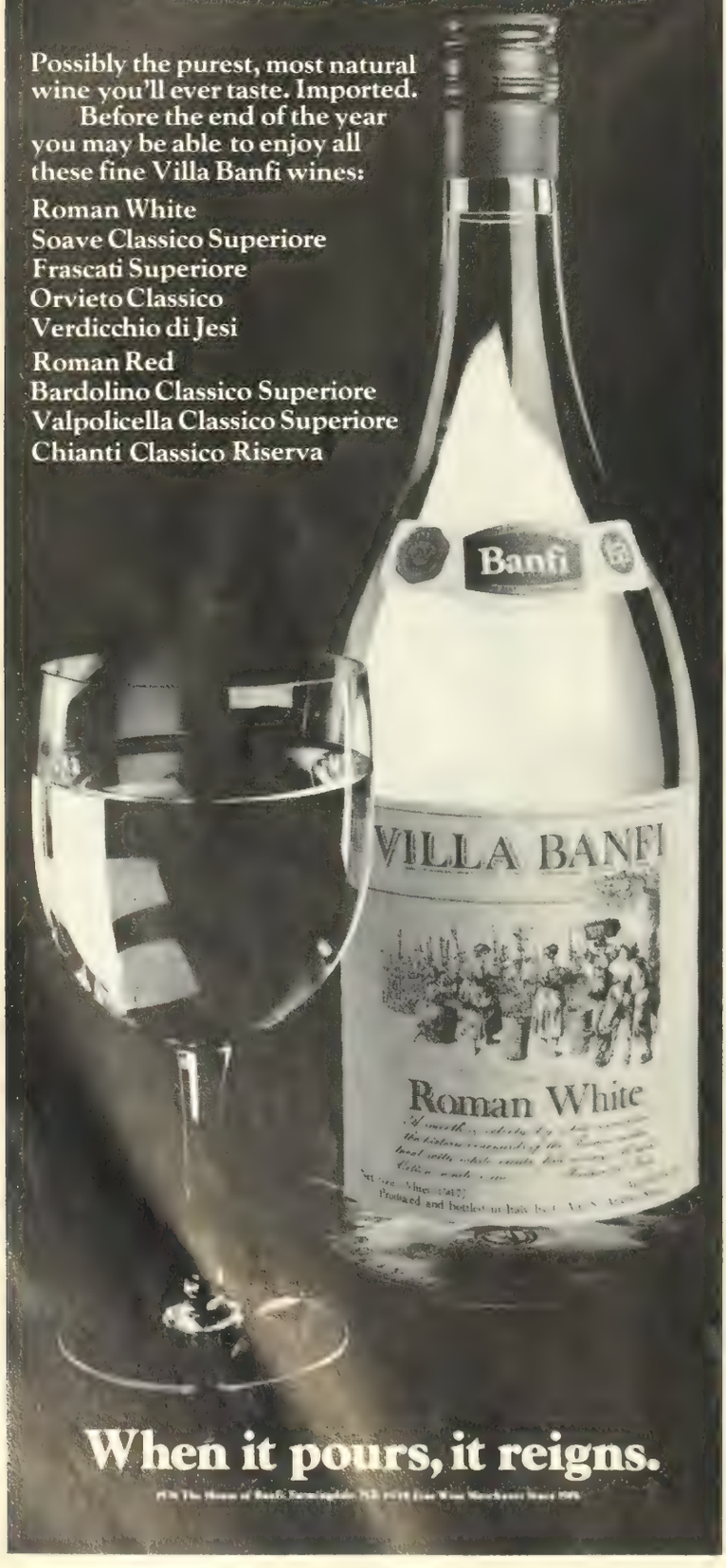
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GIFTS

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(66) The pendulum swings to modern in a battery-operated Lucite pendulum wall clock with bold white markings, 18 by 11 by two inches deep; also comes in polished metal. By Grainware, $60. **(67)** A menagerie of four whimsical Lucite animals include, *from the left:* a monkey, $30; giraffe, $35; elephant, $37.50; camel, $35. At Lucidity. **(68)** "Porcelain Paper" designs from The American Apple Pie Co. elevate everyday items to art you can use: mushroom basket, $50; cream carton, $25; sugar take-out box, $25; carry-out coffee container, $6. These items and others are designed by Charlotte Potok, a potter, and Noma Copley, a goldsmith. **(69)** A gold-patinaed, solid bronze Chinese sculpture, 11 inches high on a marble base, is a Tang Dynasty copy. It's from the Metropolitan Museum of Art Gift Shop, $350. **(70)** Two woven straw planters: a rotund elephant and the long-necked goose; both with ceramic pots, four by three inches. From Boxer & Ashfield, $18 each.

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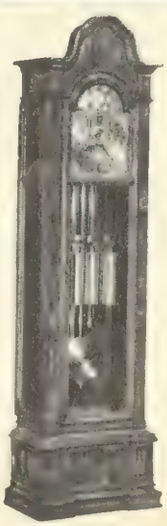
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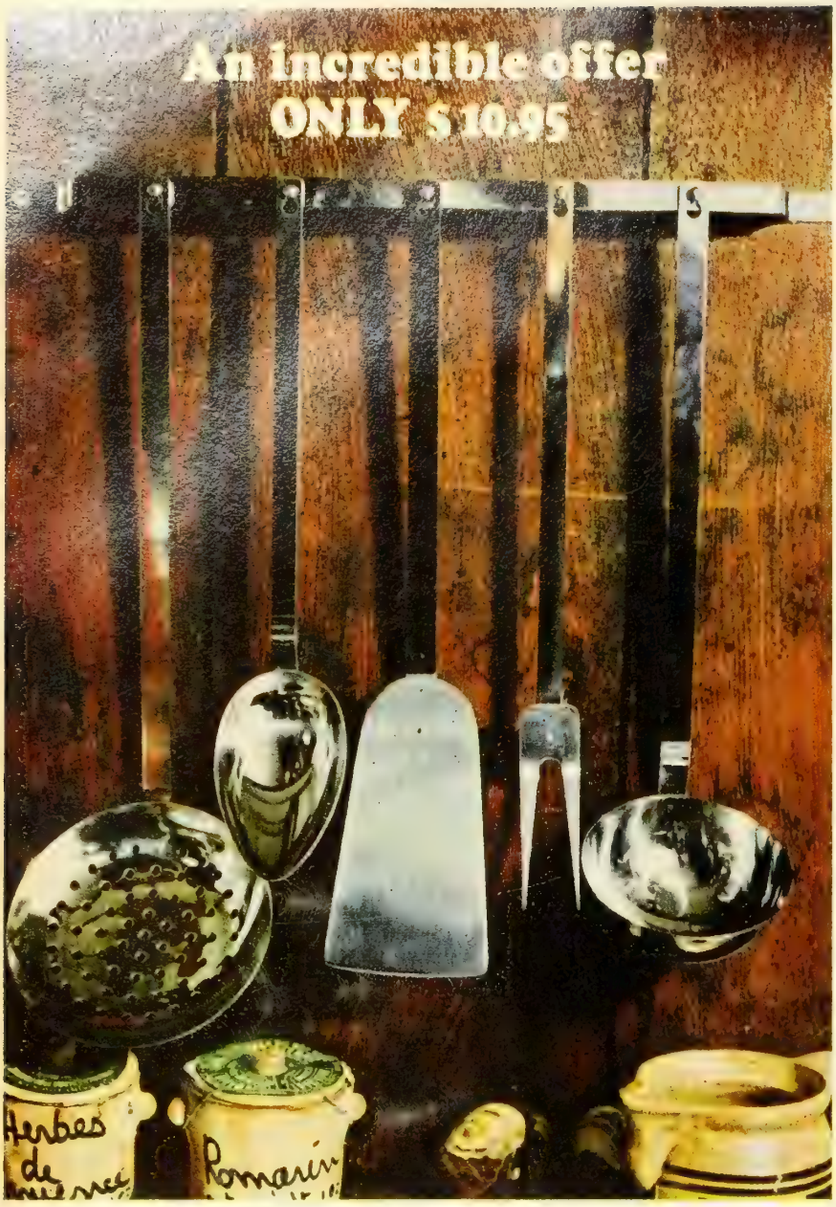
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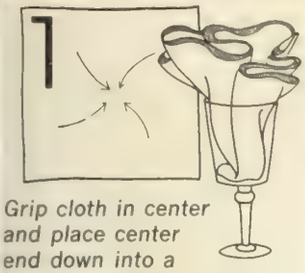


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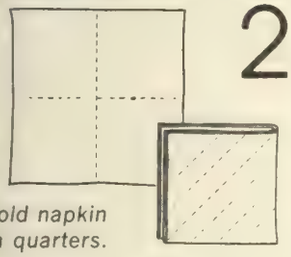
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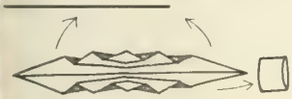


Grip cloth in center and place center end down into a glass. Napkin should preferably be of a soft material.

2



Fold napkin in quarters.

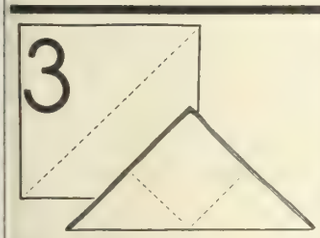


Pleat folded napkin across the diagonal.

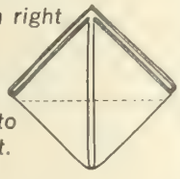


Slip napkin ring over pleated napkin and with fingers, press napkin ends toward each other to increase "butterfly wing" appearance.

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Fold napkin in half diagonally.



Fold bottom right corner and bottom left corner diagonally up to center point.



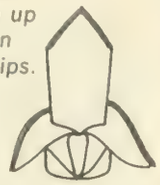
Fold up toward center point, leaving one-inch border showing.



Fold outer layer in half so point touches the bottom.

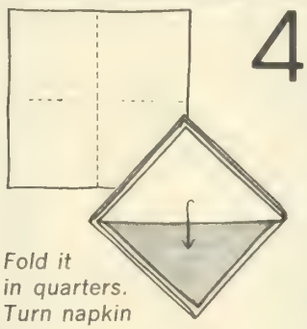


Lift off table and fold two ends toward back and tuck one into the other.

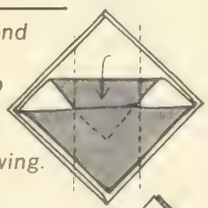


Stand napkin up and pull down the vertical tips.

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Fold it in quarters. Turn napkin so loose corners are at the top and fold top layer in half.

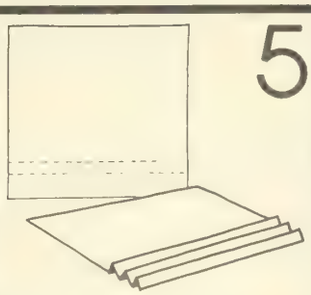


Fold second and tuck under top layer; leave one inch showing.

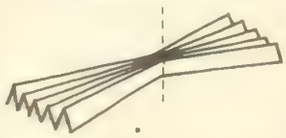


Fold sides under equally. Place silverware in resulting pockets, for buffet use.

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Pleat napkin in one-inch folds. Fabric should be stiff.

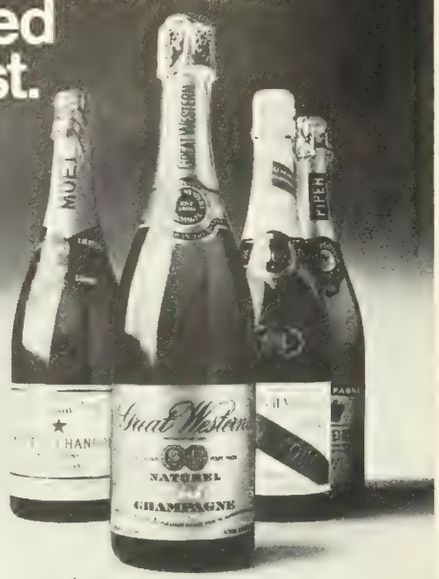


Fold in center. Slide on ring.

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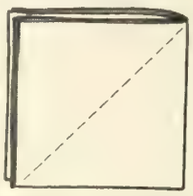
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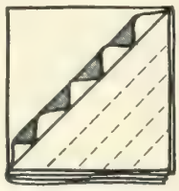
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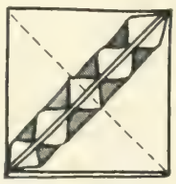
Fold napkins in quarters.



Fold the top layer of the napkin in half so that a diagonal fold results.



Fold second layer over this. Pleat third layer top to center.



Pleat the second layer.



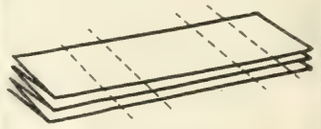
Holding pleats in place, fold in half across pleats.



Stand and tuck the one end into the other one.

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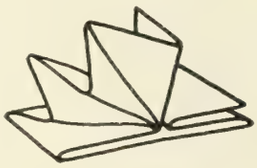
Take half of the napkin and fold it in thirds; fold the second half the same.



Fold this rectangle in half lengthwise so that the loose ends are to the outside.



Fold each half of this in thirds, working to center.



Pull up the top edge of the pleat on the left side.



Then pull up top edge from right side, to meet in center.



Take the two edges and fold to inside of first pleat, one end around the other. If napkin is stiff, accordian will hold shape.

CORDIALS

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sweet taste of many berry or fruit examples. Crème de Cacao is another old favorite, but many of the newer chocolate blends will please in after-dinner drinks and also offer a sense of the unusual (but familiar taste) by themselves. If you prefer coffee to chocolate, you have a vast array to choose from, from the well-known Kahlúa and Tia Maria to numerous newer coffee-flavored spirits with names like Bahia or Pasha.

Licorice- and almond-flavored liqueurs have been around for years, but the types have enjoyed an upsurge in interest and popularity in recent years because of vigorous ad campaigns waged by such examples as Sambuca Romana, Galliano and Strega and the almond-hinting Amaretto di Saronno.

Once you have this basic collection, you can expand in many directions. But we'd suggest that your first additions be to fill in in these categories. Add the chocolate and the licorice type if you chose the coffee and the almond-flavored exam-

ples (or vice versa); add a second fruit cordial, another herbal blend or spirit-base liqueur —and a Cream Sherry, popular with many after-dinner guests.

Then you might want to move slowly into the lesser-knowns. You could seek out such exotica as Stock's Rosolio (roses on the label and in the blend) or some of the newest offerings on the market to introduce to your friends—newsy right now are De Kuyper's Lemonique and Mandarine (tangerine), Hiram Walker's Swiss Chocolate Almond, Heublein's Boggs (cranberry), the Leroux Chocolate Amaretto, Wild Turkey Liqueur (from the Bourbon), Usquaebach, a prestigious (and expensive) old Scotch liqueur just beginning to be imported here.

Liqueur glasses can be almost any shape as long as they're small—but not miniscule. The usual serving is about one ounce, which cannot be served in the tiny one-ounce pony glasses sometimes sold in matched sets. But that portion will look lost or penny-pinching in a large glass.

Actually, many glasses inadequate for other purposes nicely serve for liqueurs: the two-ounce "Sherry glass" that's too small for a nice sip of Sherry; the 2½-ounce stemmed cocktail glass; the too-small white wine glass.

Stemmed glasses are traditional and preferable, to keep the heat of the hand away from the liqueur, but that's not really a major consideration. In reverse to that, many herbal blends and liqueurs made with strong spirit base are better served in small brandy snifters, because you want the heat of the hand to bring out aroma.

We like clear glasses, to let the colors of the liqueurs show. But the color tells little about the beverage, so use the charming colored glasses if you wish. And don't worry about having matched glasses. A matched set can be lovely in your living room or on display in your dining room, but so can a grouping of unmatched ones.

If you like to offer coffee and liqueurs at the same time, some guests may wish to mix the two and would rather have a regular-sized coffee cup than a demitasse. Many people like to float a coffee bean in a licorice-flavored liqueur, especially Sambuca, and some like to float cream on top of a chocolate or coffee liqueur; if you wish to offer these, then include containers for them in your after-dinner accessories.

The commercially bottled B and B actually was developed because of the growing popularity of mixing Bénédictine and Brandy. We'd note, though, that we are back to mixing our own B and B in our house. Representatives of the importer say they know of no changes in the formula, but the host at our parties swears that recent bottles of his favorite liqueur (at home and in restaurants) do not taste as in the past—not bad, but not the same.

Liqueurs can be decanted or served from their own bottles (many of which are quite decorative) or brought to the guests in individual glasses.

Decanters sold especially for liqueurs usually are smaller than other decanters, but you can use any size you like. Just be sure the shape and the lip at the top are designed for smooth, easy pouring (sloping sides are best, with a narrow lip or one that gently flares upward to the rim).

You can serve your after-dinner offerings as formally or informally as you wish, though we personally prefer to move into the living room for coffee and after-dinner drinks. This gets us and our guests away from the clutter of the table at a time when the end of a meal creates a natural pause.

Unless you are moving back into a den or family room with a sidetable or a permanent bar containing your after-dinner beverages as well as your other spirits, trays or bar carts are indispensable accessories.

A metal tray glossy with cherries that looks as if it usually holds condiments in the kitchen may look out of context with dainty cordial glasses, but there's no need to go to the other extreme and feel you have to have a fancy silver tray that shouts "AFTER-DINNER" with every curlicue. You can use a tray of silver or wood or brass or plastic, in any style or material that suits your own taste.

As with all entertaining, you must set the pattern for your guests, suggesting that you move to the other room, telling them that you will bring in liqueurs or coffee or asking for individual preferences to serve by the glass.

If you don't have a variety to offer, then don't ask what each person would like but ask, "Would you like some Amaretto?" The same (Continued)


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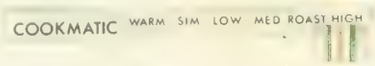
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holds true for making after-dinner mixed drinks. If you don't want to serve them, don't mention them. You guests will take their cue from what you say—and you should offer only what you can easily prepare.

Throughout, we have used the terms cordial and liqueur interchangeably, as is customary today. Regulations differ in other countries (which may mean that what is labeled Cherry Brandy in one place has to be called Cherry Cordial in another), but in the United States, both terms are used to describe an alcoholic beverage made by combining a spirit base (usually it's brandy) with flavoring materials and being more than 2½% sugar syrup by weight.

Most are more than 2½% sugar syrup and rather high in calories (about 104 calories per ounce of Crème de Menthe, 75 per ounce of brandy, 110 per ounce of Bénédictine). The flavoring agent may be natural, artificial and derived from a pure extract shipped here from Europe; except for the fruit liqueurs, the color is usually added with natural vegetable coloring agents. Proof varies.

Liqueurs are made by one of three methods. Most fruit liqueurs are produced by infusion, steeping the flavoring agent in the spirit, much as tea.

The plant liqueurs are made either by percolation or distillation processes. Percolation is similar to making coffee, with the herbs or leaves in one container and the spirit pumped up over them and allowed to "percolate" through it. In distillation, the plant, seed or other flavoring agent is macerated in a spirit, then put in a still with additional brandy and distilled.

These are, of course, vast simplifications. Each firm uses its own timing and combination of ingredients (the Spanish Cuaranta y Tres, for example, takes its name from the 43 flavoring agents in its formula), hence resulting intensity and/or purity of flavor vary widely.

There is not space here to discuss the differences you will find among the hundreds of products available—or even the couple of dozen Crème de Menthes. When you find one with the proportion of sweetness and flavor you like, stick with it—and ask the maker's name if you especially like one you're served elsewhere.

Investing in a library of cordials can seem expensive at first glance, but except for a few low-proof fruit cordials (Crème de Cassis is one to be cautious with), most last a long time without age affecting the flavor. Keep tightly capped, of course.

And think about widening your cooking horizons with cordials. You undoubtedly already are familiar with their use in Cherries Jubilee, Grasshopper Pie, Swiss Fondue and such, but think now about using orange liqueur to flavor sweet potatoes, beets or carrots or to glaze a duck, Crème de Menthe to give an extra touch to minted peas or grapefruit halves, Ginger Flavored Brandy on baked apples, Apricot Flavored Brandy on chicken breasts or baked ham, Amaretto to almondize a vanilla mousse or plain cake.

We are not especially fond of cordials poured straight over ice cream or other cold items. For this, we heat the cordial first to minimize the effect of the alcohol, then let the cordial syrup cool before using. (Heat quickly—about a minute or two—over very high heat and be warned that the syrup may take a while to cool. But don't refrigerate or you have a thick candied syrup.) If you flambé with cordials, use liqueurs of at least 60 proof—and always gently warm the cordial and the container before you start.

If you are just beginning to build up your cordials collection, look for small bottles—many firms do offer sizes slightly under a pint. Some stores also stock the novelty miniature bottles that hold just a couple of ounces, and these can be great for test-tasting (and for Christmas stocking stuffers).

This list is intended to be a shopping guide only to various proprietary and generic names to look for if you want a particular *taste or flavor*. We have not distinguished here between those made from the named ingredient, those made with artificial flavorings or those made entirely with other items that result in the dominant taste. Where a producer or importer's name might help your merchant find a limited or new product for you or where we find a particular brand especially pleasing, we have included the producer's or importer's name in italics.

Absinthe: Absinthe cannot be made or sold in the U.S., but you will find substitutes made without wormwood, marketed under such names as Abisante, Abson, Mistra, Herbsainte. (See Anis/Anisette and Licorice listings for similar flavors.)

Almond: Amaretto (see separate listing), *DuBouchett* Almond Liqueur and Almond Brandy, Crème d'Almond, *Arrow* and *De Kuyper* Crème de Al-

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Anis/Anisette: Anesone, Anis, Anisette, Mastikha, Neapolitan Liqueur, Ojen, Ouzo, Raki. (See Licorice listing for similar flavors. Pernod and Rickard are generally classified as *apèritifs* but sometimes offered after dinner as a substitute for anis /licorice-flavored liqueurs.)

Amaretto: Amaretto, Amaretto di Cupera (*De Kuyper*), Amaretto di Saronno (the classic), Amaretto di Torino, Chocolate Amaretto (*Leroux*).

Apricot: *Garnier* Abricotine, *J.W. Dant* Apricot and Fruit Brandy, Apricot Cordial, Apricot Brandy, Apricot Flavored Brandy, *Marie Brizard* Apry, Crème de Apricot.

Apple: *Old Mr. Boston* Apple Flavored Brandy, *J.W. Dant* Apple and Fruit Brandy.

Banana: Banana and Fruit Brandy, Banana Liqueur, Crème de Banana, Crème de Bananes, Mobana (in some regions).

Blackberry: Blackberry and Fruit Brandy, Blackberry Brandy, Blackberry Cordial, Blackberry Flavored Brandy, Blackberry Liqueur, Crème de Blackberry, *Leroux* Jezynowka Blackberry Flavored Brandy (Polish Blackberry Brandy).

Black Currants: Bolsberry, Crème de Cassis, L'Héritier-Guyot Crème de Cassis de Dijon.

Blueberry: *J.W. Dant* Blueberry and Fruit Brandy.

Caraway: Kümmel. (Aquavit, or Akhavit, is an unsweetened white alcohol of similar taste.)

Cassis: See Black Currants.

Cherry: Cheristock, Cherry and Fruit Brandy, *Rocher* Cherry Brandy, Cherry Cordial, Cherry Flavored Brandy, Cherry Karise, Cherry Liqueur, *Dettling* Crème de Kirsch, *Garnier* Kirsch Liqueur, Kirschwasser (Kirsch itself is a true fruit brandy, not a liqueur), Maraschino, Peter Heering (formerly called Cherry Heering), Wisniak. You will sometimes hear Kijafa (cherry and blackberry) called a liqueur; technically, it is a fruit wine specialty, not a liqueur, as is Kirsberry. (See Chocolate and Wild Cherry listings.)

Chocolate: Afrikoko, *Arrow* Choclair (chocolate-cocoanut); Cheri-Suisse, Chocolate Cherry Cerise, Chocolate Cherry Liqueur (chocolate-cherry); Chocolat Menthe, Chocolate Mint Liqueur, Vandermint (chocolate-mint); Chocolate Mousse (bitter-sweet chocolate); *Leroux* Chocolate Amaretto, Chocolate Banana, Chocolate Raspberry; Chocolate Suisse; Chokalu; *Hiram Walker* Swiss Cocolate Almond; Swiss Marmot (has bits of chocolate floating in it); *Duchalet* Chocolat Orange, Sabra (chocolate-orange liqueur).

Coffee: *Heublein* Bahia, *Duchalet* and *Marie Brizard* Café, Coffee & Brandy, Coffee and Fruit Brandy, Coffee Brandy, Coffee Flavored Brandy, *Stock* Coffee Espresso, Coffee Liqueur, Crème de Café, Crème de Coffee, Crème de Mocha, Gala café, Gallwey's Irish Coffee Liqueur, Kahlúa (best-known), *Bols* Moccafé, Pasha, Sa'ala, Tia Maria.

Cocoa: Crème de Cacao.

Cranberry: *Heublein* Boggs, *Regnier* Cranberry Cordial.

Egg Sugar: Advocaat or sometimes spelled Advockaat, Vov.

Flavored Gins: Lightly flavored and sweetened, these are in very limited distribution, but you will find some such as the *Arrow* and *Old Mr. Boston* lines with orange, lemon, lime or mint flavorings.

Ginger: Ginger and Fruit Brandy, Ginger Flavored Brandy.

Grapefruit: Forbidden Fruit.

Herbal blends: This category includes some of the most ancient, secret-formula names, as well as some newer additions. Many will also be listed under other categories to denote mix of flavors. You may find a few others imported and distributed regionally. Abtai, B and B, Bénédictine, Chartreuse, Claristine, Cuarenta y Tres (43), Fior d' Alpe (with herb twig in bottle), Gaetano, Galliano, Glayva, Izarra, Millefiori Cucchi, Neapolitan Liqueur, Roiano, Strega, Vieille Cure. The *Garnier* Liqueur D'Or, *Bols* Gold Liqueur and German Goldwasser are herbal blends with bits of gold leaf in them.

Lemon: *De Kuyper* Lemonique, *Dant* Lemon and Fruit Brandy.

Licorice: Bora Sambuca, Galliano, Sambuca, Sambuca di Trevi, Sambuca Molinari Extra, Sambuca Romana (best-known of the proprietary Sambucas), Roiano. (See Absinthe and Anisette listings.)

Lime: Lime and Fruit Brandy.

Mint: Crème de Menthe, *Cusenier* Freezomint, *Leroux* Gold-O-Mint, Peppermint Schnapps, *Get Frères* Pippermint.

Nuts other than almond: Crème de Noisette, hazelnuts; Crème de Noix, walnuts; Cream of Filbert Nut; Macademia Nut Liqueur; Pistàsha, pistachios.

Orange: Aurum, Cognac with Orange, Cointreau, Curaçao, Grand Marnier, German Goldwasser (with flecks of gold leaf suspended in it), Orange and Fruit Brandy, Orange Curaçao, Sabra (chocolate-orange liqueur from Israel), Triple Sec.

Peach: Crème de Peach, Peach and Fruit Brandy, Peach Cordial, Peach Flavored Brandy, Peach Liqueur. (*Continued*)



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Pear: Elixir of Williams Pear Liqueur. (Pear Brandy is a true fruit brandy, most often listed just by the name Poire.)
Pineapple: Crème d'Ananas, Hawaiian Pineapple Cordial (very limited distribution).
Plum: Crème de Prunelle, Prunelle, Prunellia (some have a taste more almondy than plum).
Raspberry: Crème de Framboises, Crème de Raspberry, *Dolfi* Framberry, Raspberry and Fruit Brandy, Raspberry Flavored Brandy, Raspberry Cordial, Raspberry Liqueur.
Strawberry: Crème de Fraises, *Arrow* Crème de Strawberry, *Dolfi* Fraise des Bois (wild strawberries), Strawberry and Fruit Brandy, and just plain Strawberry Liqueur.
Roses: Crème de Rose (strongly vanilla) very limited distribution); *Stock* Rosolio.
Sloe Berries: Sloe Gin (from the blackthorn bush).
Tangerine: Crème de Mandarine, Mandarino, Mandarine Napoléon, Mandarinette, Mandarino and Marnique.
Tea: *Duchalet Tea* and *Suntory* Green Tea Liqueur, O-Cha, Tea Breeze (all in limited distribution).
Vanilla: Crème de Vanille (limited availability).
Violets: Crème de Violette, Crème Yvette, Parfait Amour (violet-colored).
Flavored Vodkas: Like the flavored gins, lightly sweetened and in limited distribution; the *Arrow* and *Old Mr. Boston* lines include grape, lemon, orange and wild cherry flavors. (See listing for liqueurs usually classified by their spirit base.)
Wild Cherry: Wild Cherry Flavored Brandy, Wisniowka.
Liqueurs usually classified by their spirit base: Bourbon—Southern Comfort (citrus-peach flavor), Wild Turkey Liqueur; Brandy—B and B (Benedictine, based on neutral spirits, and Brandy), Metaxa (citrusy-brandy nose), Grand Marnier Cordon Rouge (orange); from Canadian Whisky—George M. Tiddy's Canadian Liqueur, Yukon Jack (citrusy); Gin—Pimm's Cup; Irish Whiskey—Irish Mist (with honey); Rum—Swedish Punch (citrusy); Rye Whiskey—Forbidden Fruit, Rock & Rye (citrusy; some bottled with slices of fruit inside); Scotch—Drambuie, Glayva, Glen Mist, Lochan Ora (Chivas Regal), Scotch Comfort, Usquaebach; finally, Vodka—*Smirnoff's* Tava (the only true vodka-based liqueur, predominantly minty in flavor).
Liqueurs not classified in above listings: Tuaca, a citrusy/vanilla Italian specialty, and the Spanish Veraña are in fairly wide distribution. Cordial Médoc, a liqueur from Bordeaux with flavor hinting of raspberry, is a little harder to find. And in a few areas of the country, you will also find such esoteric examples as Piment-O-Dram, a Jamaican pimento liqueur, the lavender-hued Su-Mi-Re from Japan or spicy Cascarilla from South America, but distribution is so limited that it's mostly a matter of chancing upon them.



FTER-DINNER RINKS...

re's nothing that really dis-uishes after-dinner drinks ı other mixed drinks except ition. Most of the classics sweet, most use bran-ır liqueur—both facts also for many other ed drinks. If your af-linner repertoire is e complete, however, eady to make these:

THE FRAPPE

e any liqueur (2 or 3 ces, depending on the of your glass), pour shaved ice in a ımmed cocktail glass add a short straw.

you have a blender, might blend together ice and liqueur, then (without straining) your glass.

HE ALEXANDER

art brandy
art Crème de Cacao, rown or white
art heavy cream
meg

ke together with ice l well mixed. Strain a stemmed cocktail s; dust with nutmeg.

ou can make an Alex-er with almost any eur in place of the ne de Cacao (coffee hocolate can be nice), ough you might want rget the nutmeg.

STINGER

arts brandy
art white Crème de lenthe

ke with cracked ice. in into a stemmed ktail glass.

GRASSHOPPER

art white Crème de acao
art green Crème de lenthe
art heavy cream

ke together until well ıded. Strain into a ımmed cocktail glass.

PINK SQUIRREL

art Crème de Noyaux r Crème de Almond
art white Crème de acao
art light cream

ke together with ice l all ingredients are mixed. Strain into a ımmed cocktail glass. aretto is a newer—and ghtful—substitute for Noyaux, although the ık doesn't come out ‹ if you use Amaretto.

BLACK RUSSIAN

2 parts vodka
1 part coffee liqueur

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Brandy can, of course, be used in place of other spirits in many such drinks as an Old Fashioned, Manhattan or Sour, and guests who want just a touch of liqueur sweetness and fruit flavor might enjoy mixing a favorite liqueur with vodka. There are numerous fancy names for such blends, and all can be varied in proportion to suit the individual's taste. A safe guide is to mix two parts vodka to one part liqueur and let your guest taste before altering as he or she pleases. Most benefit, too, from a squirt of lime juice or lemon juice. ■

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BRANDY

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not distinguish those nuances a professional can, but you should easily be able to detect sweetness, woodiness or grapiness in the nose—and following the swirling-sniffing ritual can be a most enticing introduction to the drink that follows.

We don't like brandy served in tiny liqueur glasses (you cannot swirl without spilling), in over-sized snifters where the normal couple-of-ounces serving looks lost, in snifters with such short stems you can't get your fingers between the bowl and the foot of the glass.

The best brandy glasses we know of are made by Val St. Lambert, the eight-ounce capacity just spacious enough, the rounded bowl gracefully resting on an inch-high stem. If you don't have brandy glasses, use any tulip-shaped wine glass.

Other than the matter of glassware, there are no special rules for serving brandy—just present it as one of your after-dinner selections, according to the guidelines in the accompanying story on cordials. You might, however, want to offer (or you yourself might like) a glass of water with the brandy—we enjoy rich, full brandy, but find we need a separate glass of water to sip along with it.

Despite myths about old Napoleon brandy, brandy does not age in the bottle. An unopened bottle will remain unchanged for years. If an opened bottle has been tightly recapped (be sure any decanters you use for brandy have tight-fitting stoppers), the brandy will remain relatively stable for months. Store all bottles upright so the alcohol in the brandy does not pick up off tastes from the stopper.

Without going into all the technicalities of brandy production, we will note briefly that color gives little clue to a brandy's character: Brandy is clear when it comes from the still and takes on color from being aged in wood casks. In most brandy-producing regions, a little caramel syrup is added for additional color and some brandies also have sugar, vanilla or other flavoring agents that are added to help smooth out the blend.

Since grape quality can vary from year to year, all Cognacs and many other traditionally made brandies are blends of younger brandies with some well-aged stock to achieve a consistent house style.

Brandy in the Cognac region is made in the traditional pot still, which generally produces a more complex product that requires longer wood-aging to take on roundness and finesse. In most other areas, brandy is made in a column still that produces a lighter product with fewer of the chemical compounds that make for strong flavor or body.

Technicalities and prestige aside, you should choose a brandy that suits your individual preference—and you may find that at first you prefer a lighter, sweeter blend to the robust ones connoisseurs covet.

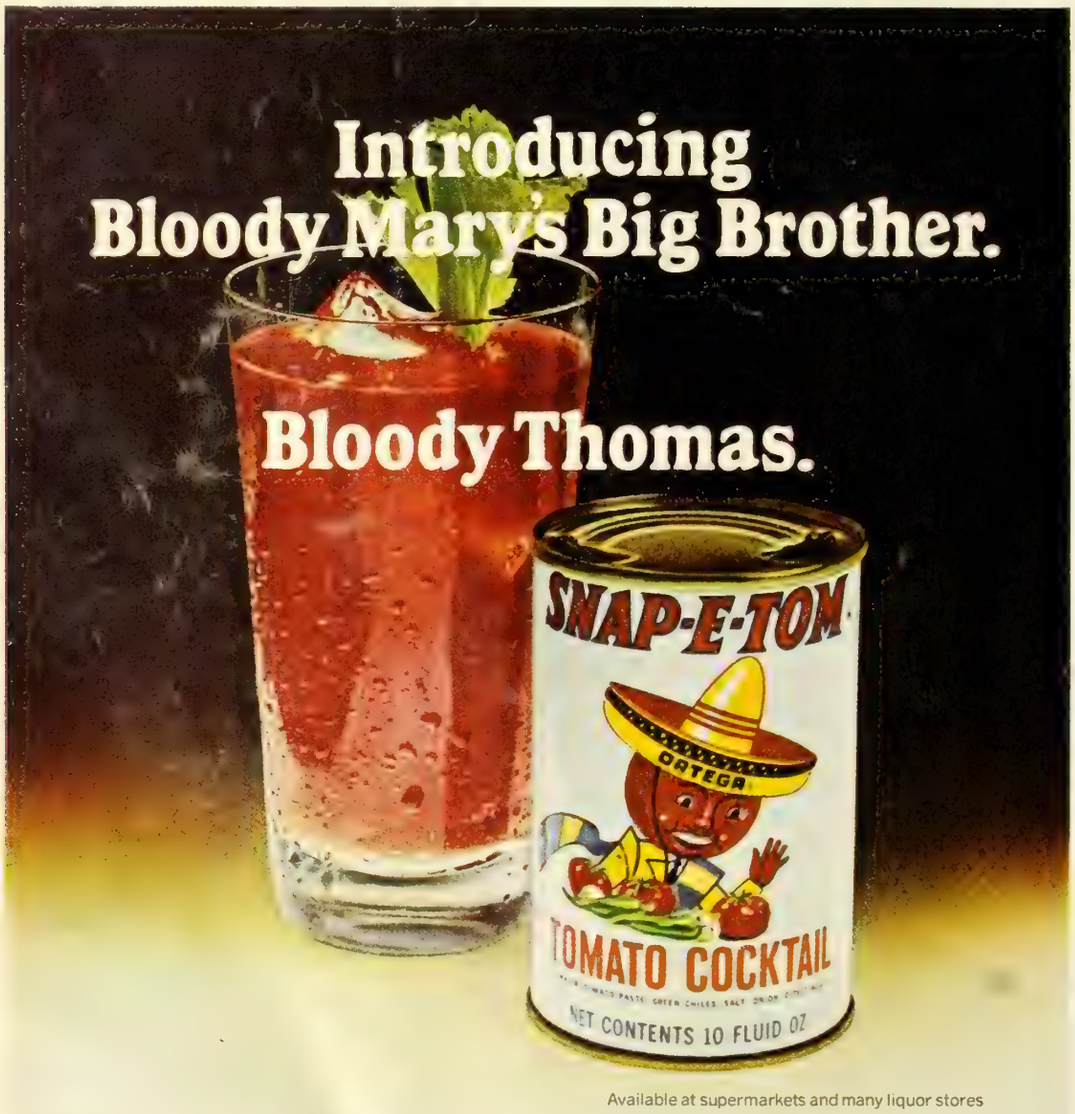
If you are unfamiliar with brandy, buy one recognized brand for your after-dinner selection, then taste other possibilities every time you are out to dinner. Eventually, you will develop patterns in your taste.

For a rounded brandy selection, you probably would want three brandies—one light style, from California or elsewhere, specifically for mixed drinks; one esteemed Cognac or other fine brandy for sipping on its own; an intriguing eau-de-vie or fruit brandy for a special treat.

Although the descriptions must be quite general in this limited space, these are the characteristics you usually can expect from the major brandy-producing areas.

Cognac: A clearly defined region of France, Cognac produces what most experts consider the finest brandies in the world. They are full, powerful and complex—and rather expensive here. All firms blend to a consistent style and most major houses offer several grades: 3-star or V.S., usually between three and five years old; the V.S.O.P. (or sometimes labeled just V.S. or Reserve), with all brandies in the blend seven to 10 years old; one ranging in age from 15 to 25 years, called Napoleon or given a particular house name such as Martell's Cordon Bleu or Hennessy's Bras d'Or. Major houses also bottle small amounts of older Cognac (price will tell, though most carry the wording Extra or Vieille or something like Grande Reserve); many also put one choice or the other in a Baccarat decanter (Remy Martin's Louis XIII Grande Champagne is sold exclusively in this way).

There will be variations from grade to grade within these descriptions, but of the Cognacs most (*Continued on page 243*)



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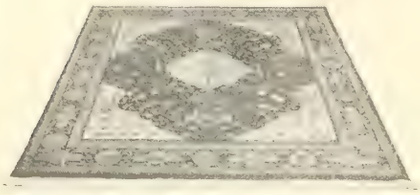
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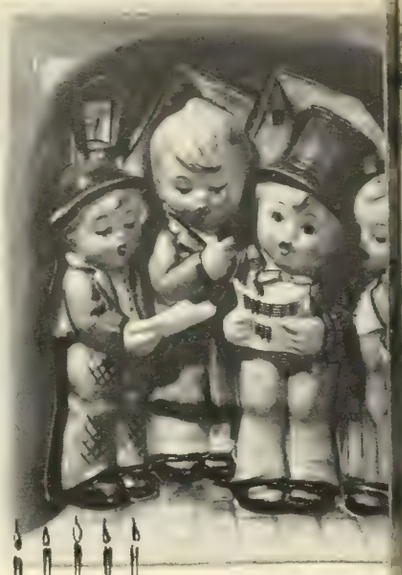
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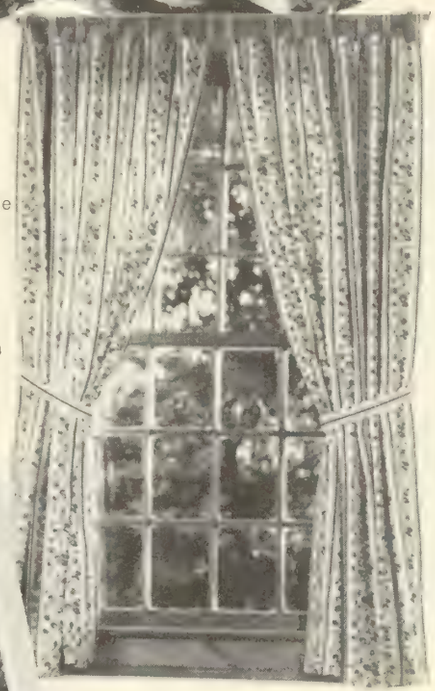
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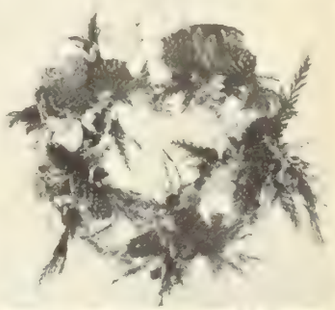


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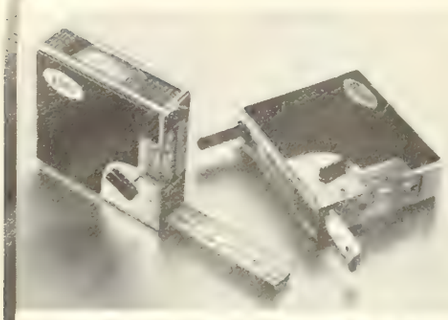
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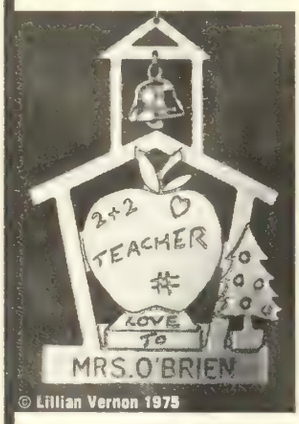


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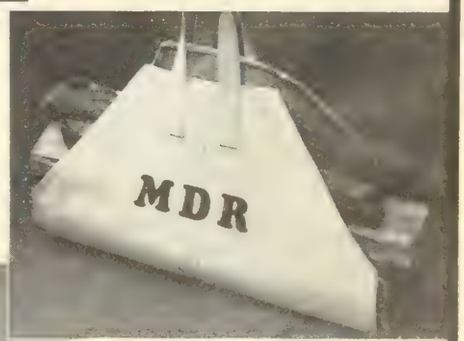
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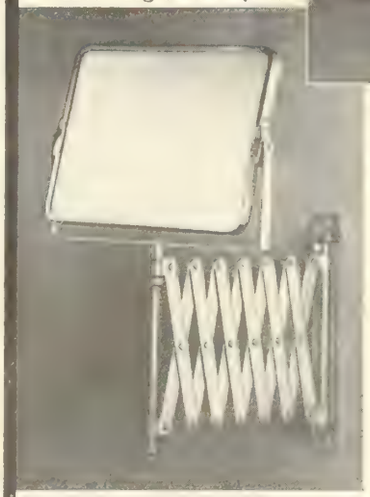
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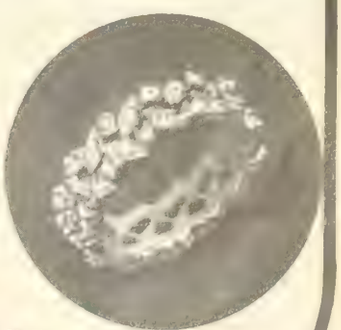




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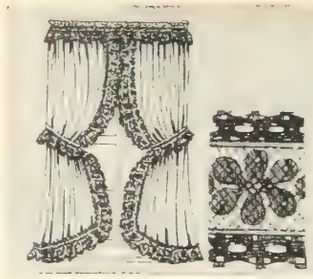
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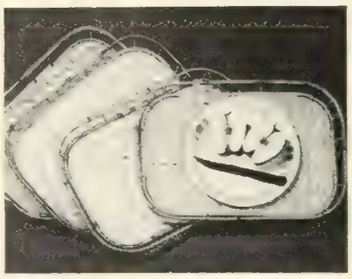
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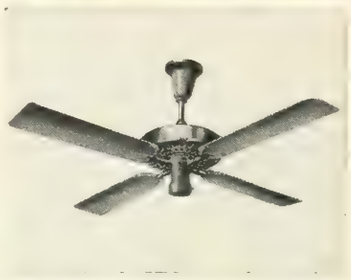
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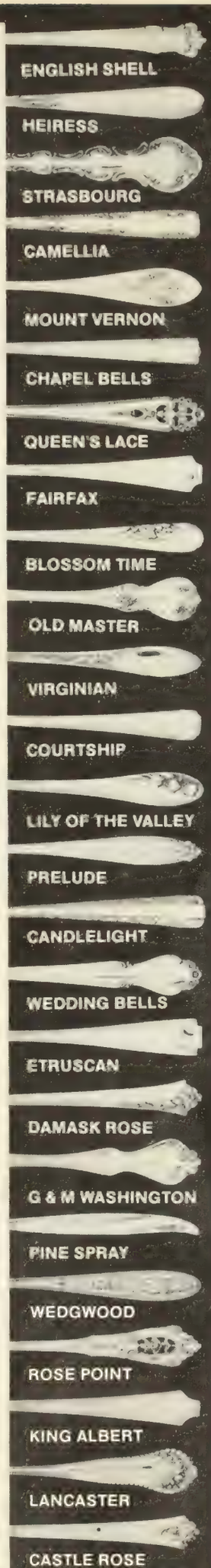
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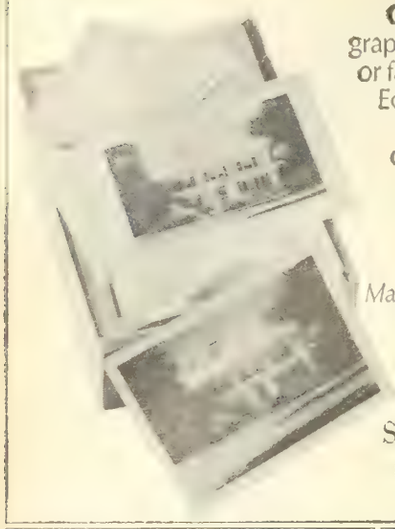
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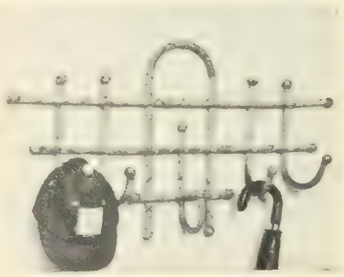


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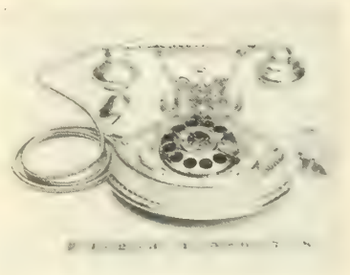
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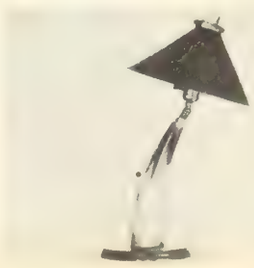
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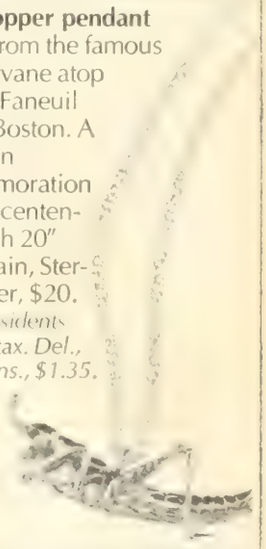
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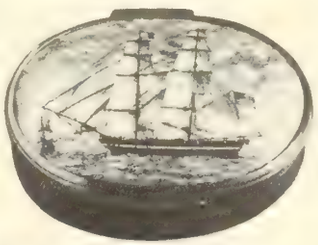


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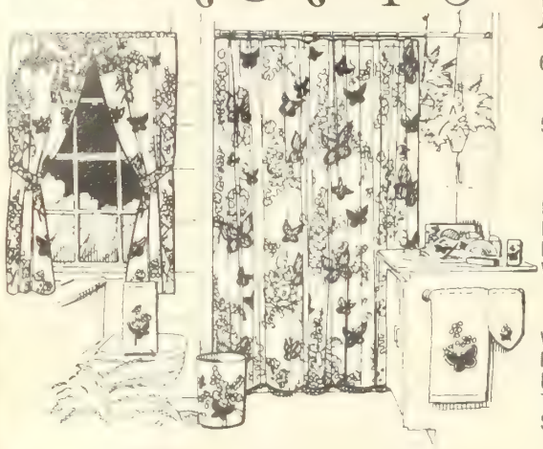


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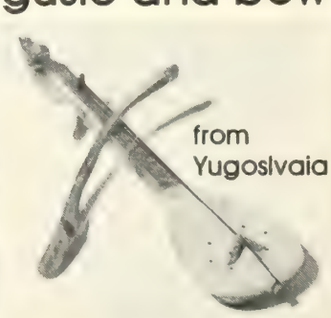
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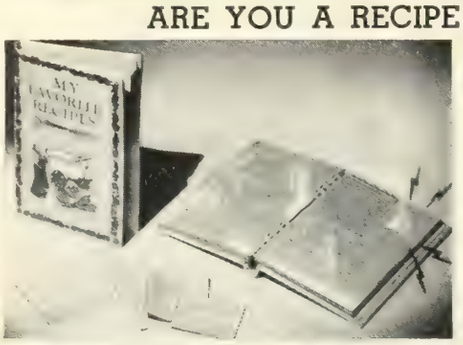


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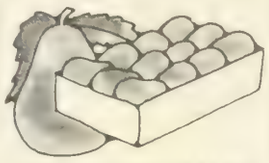
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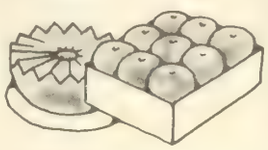
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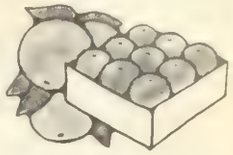
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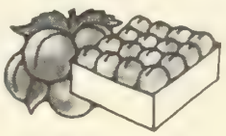
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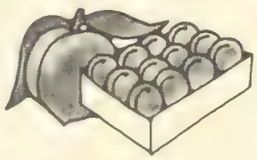
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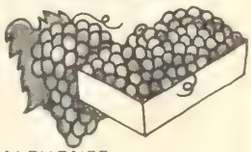
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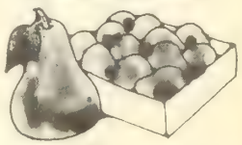
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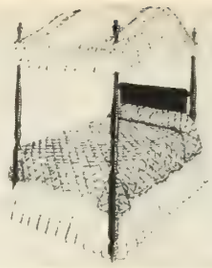
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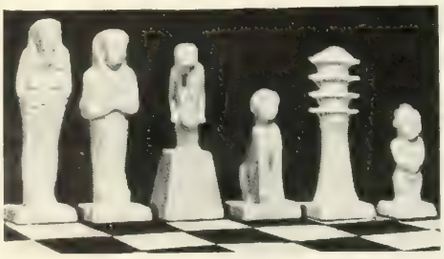
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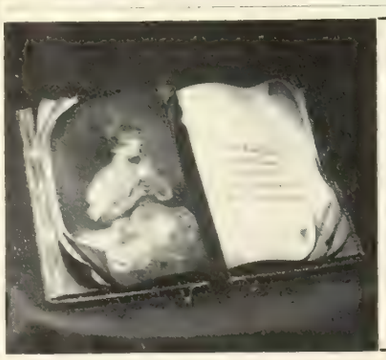
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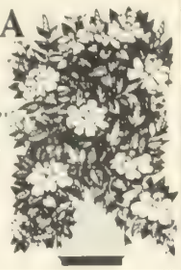
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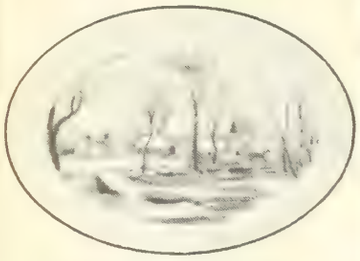
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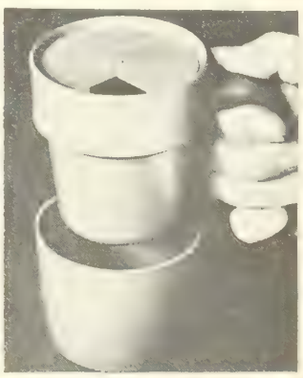
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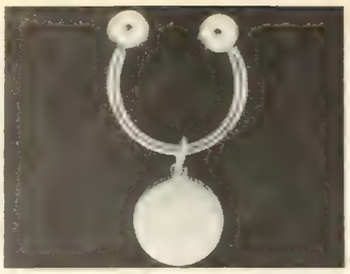
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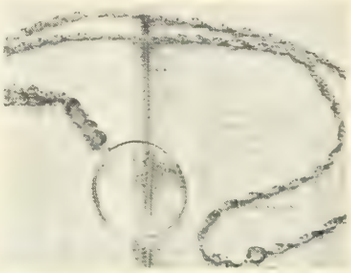
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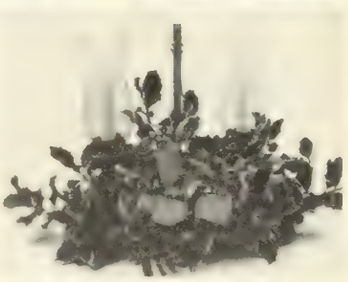
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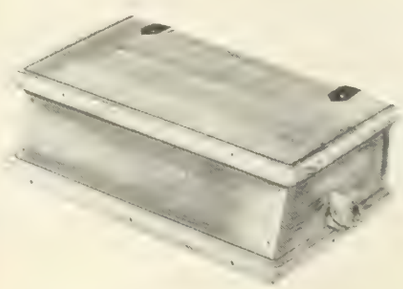


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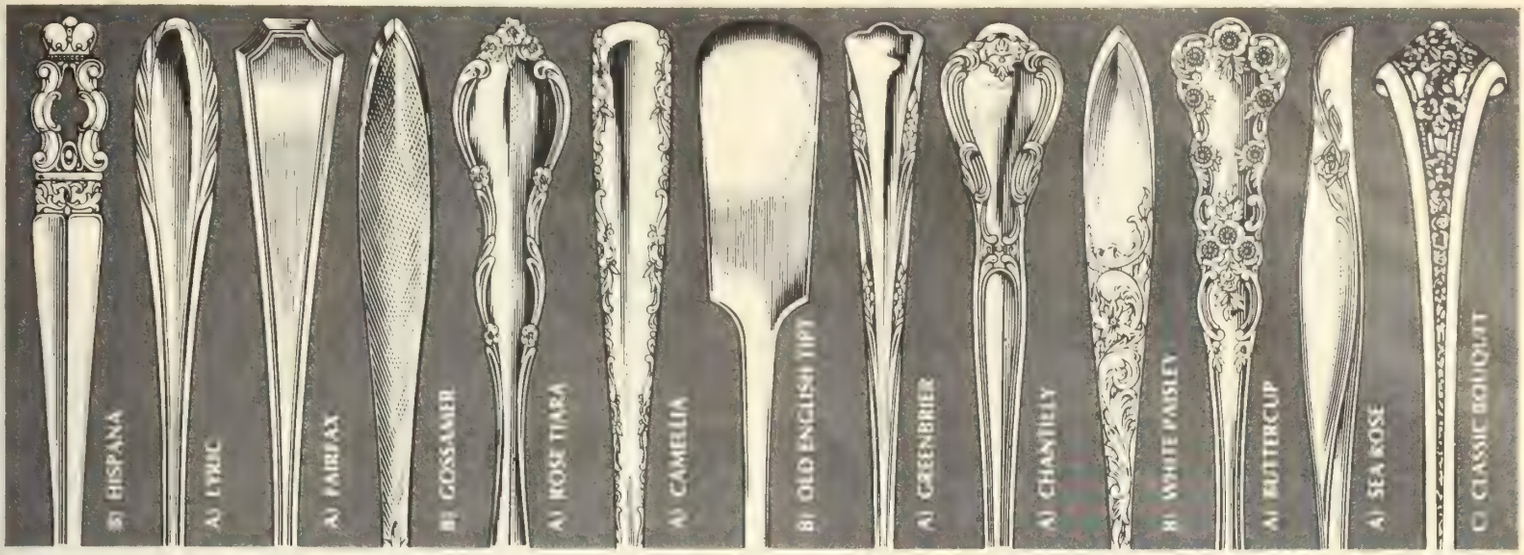
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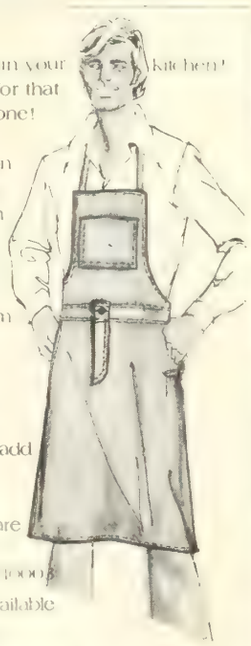


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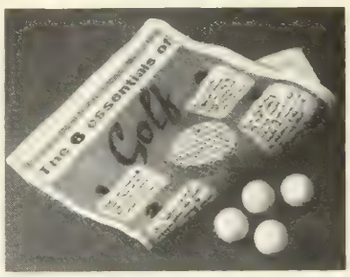
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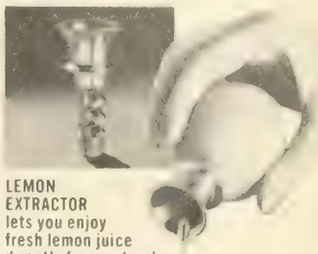


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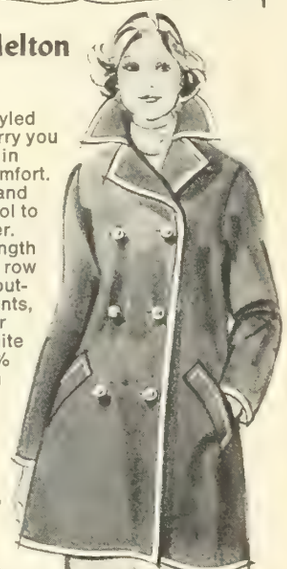
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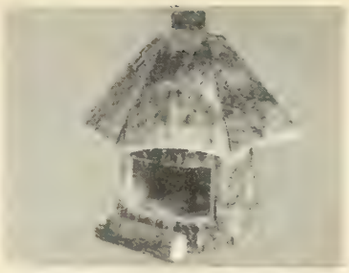
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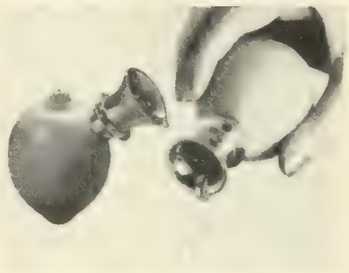
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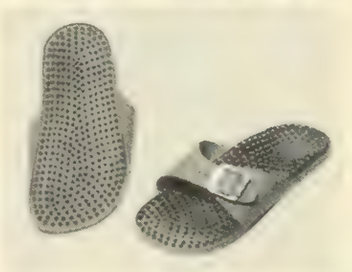
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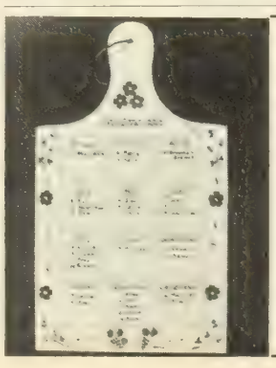


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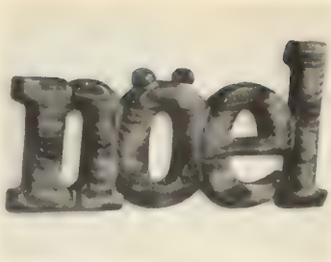


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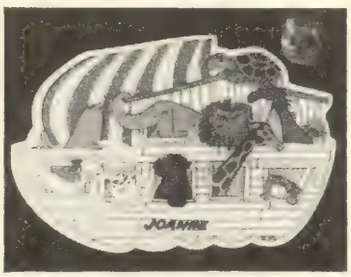
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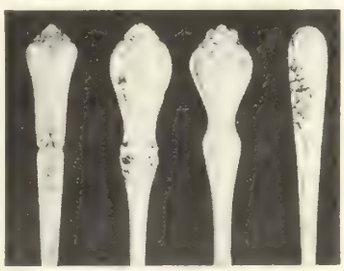
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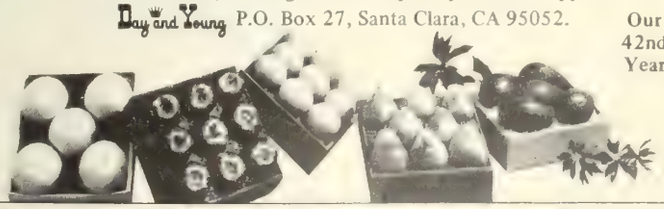
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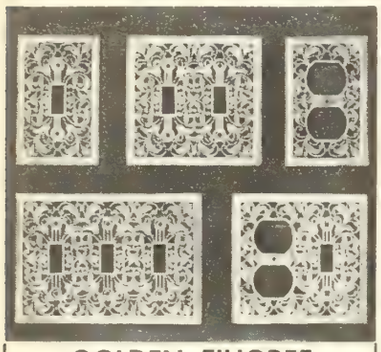
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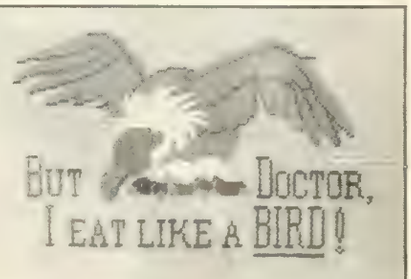


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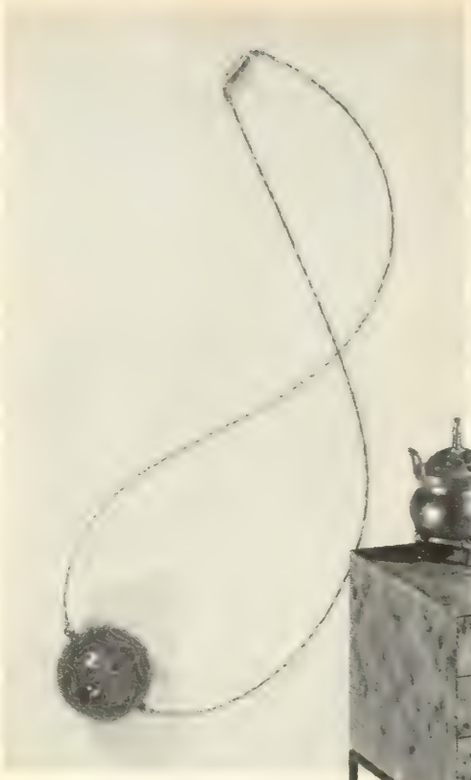
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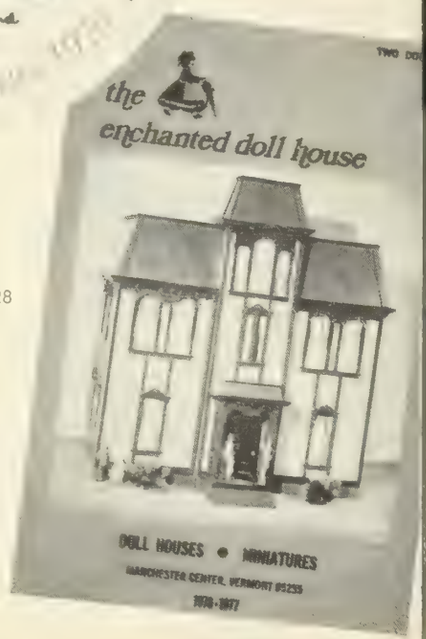
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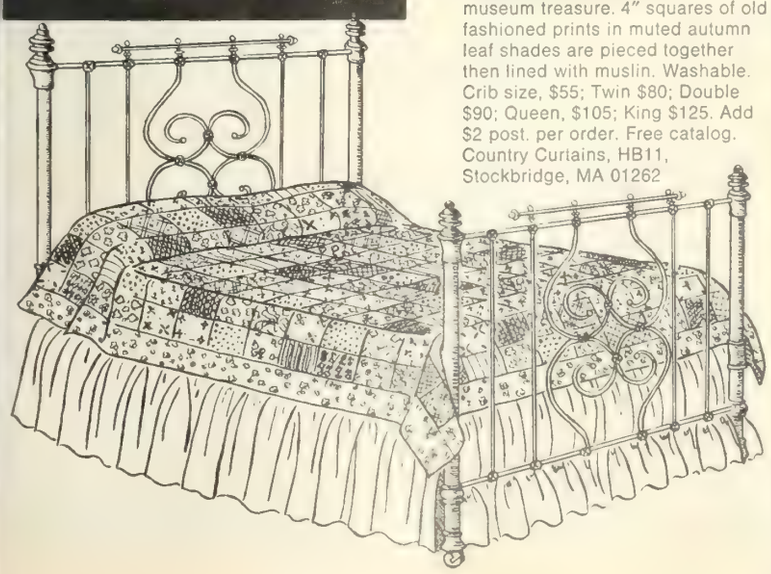


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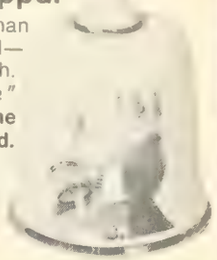
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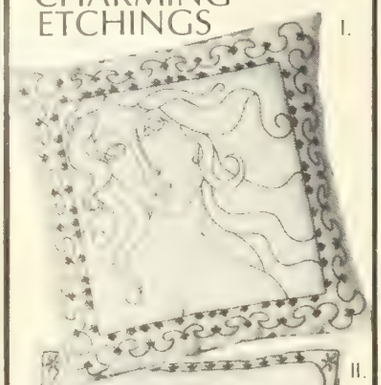
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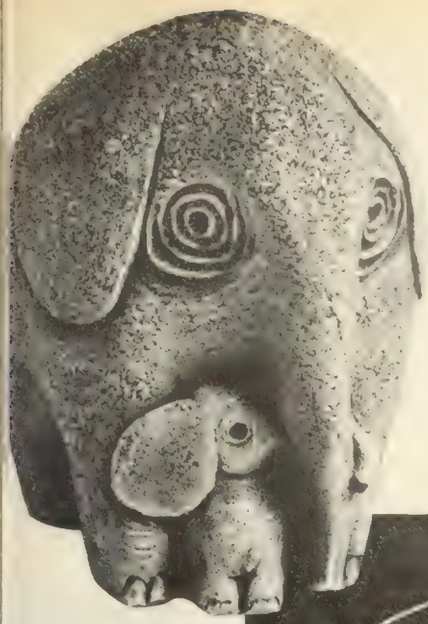
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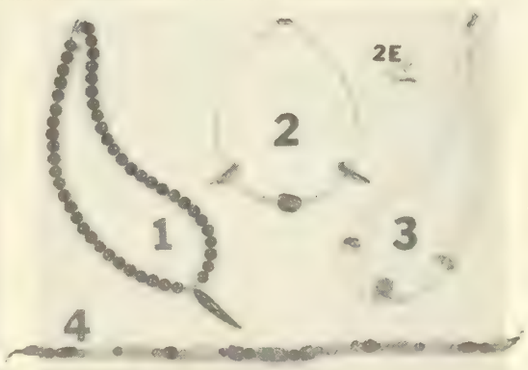


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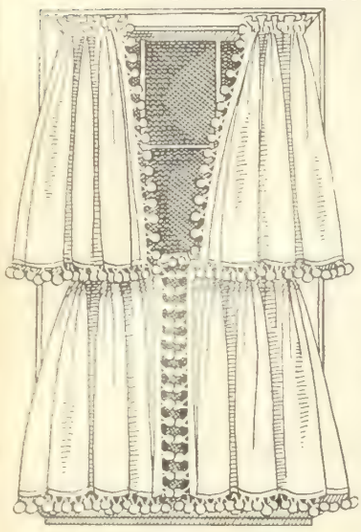
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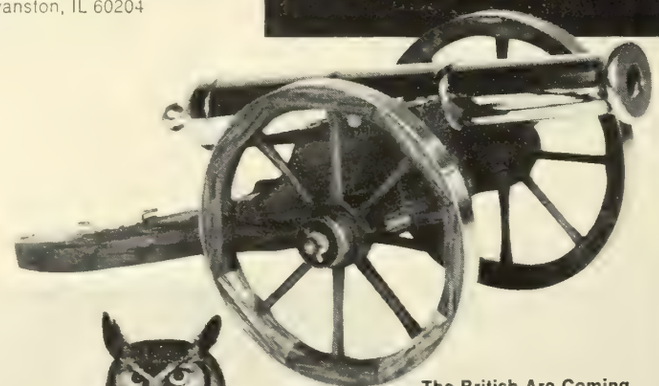
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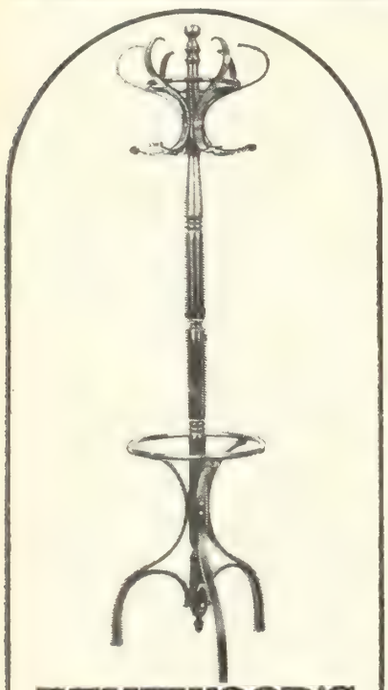
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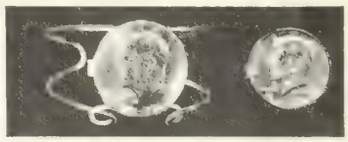
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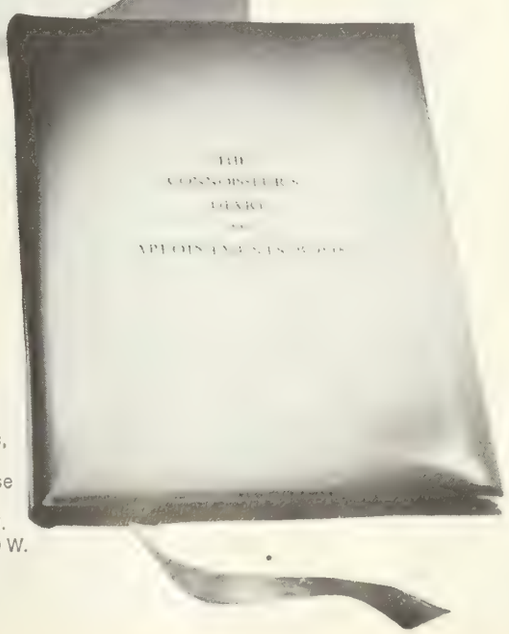


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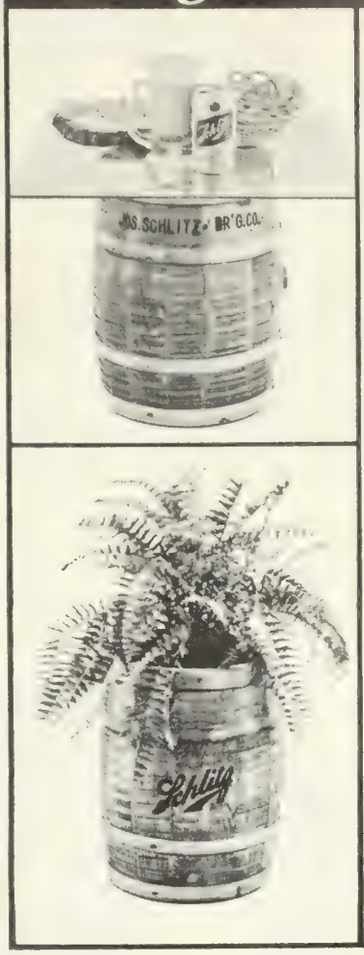


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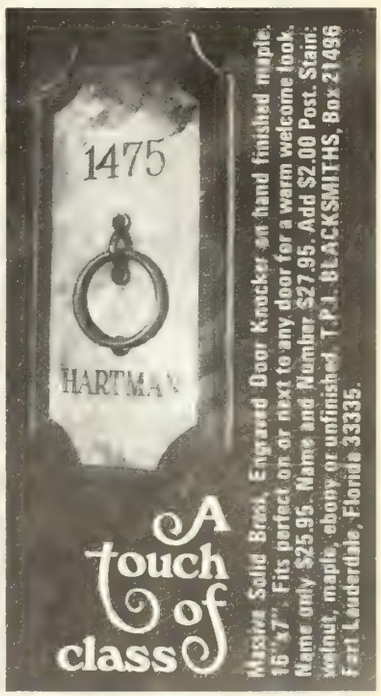


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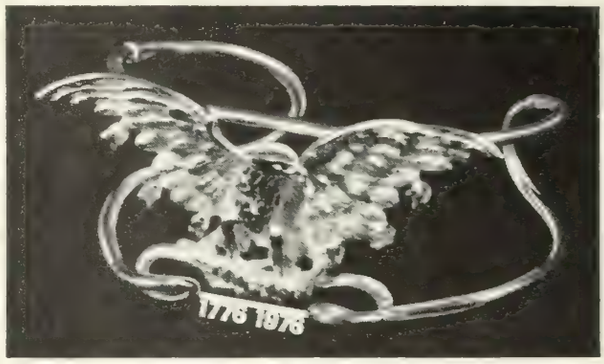
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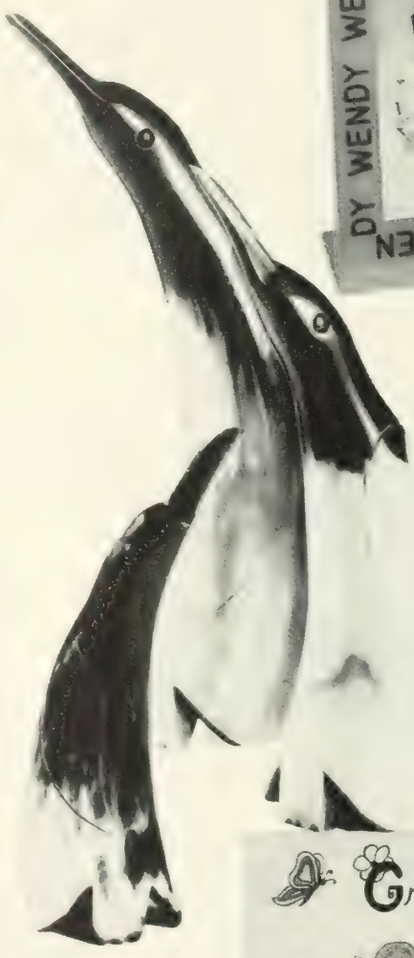
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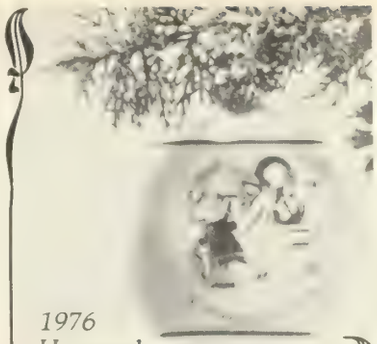
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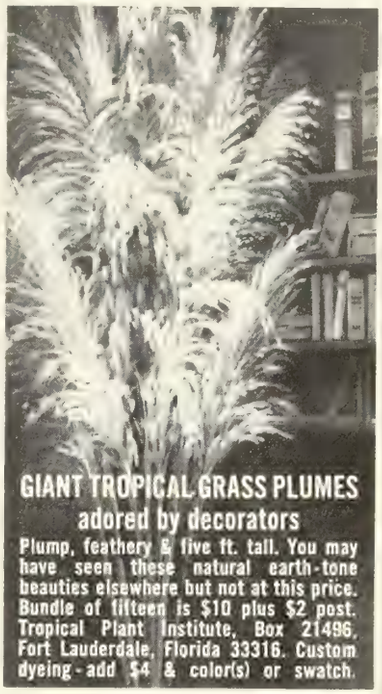
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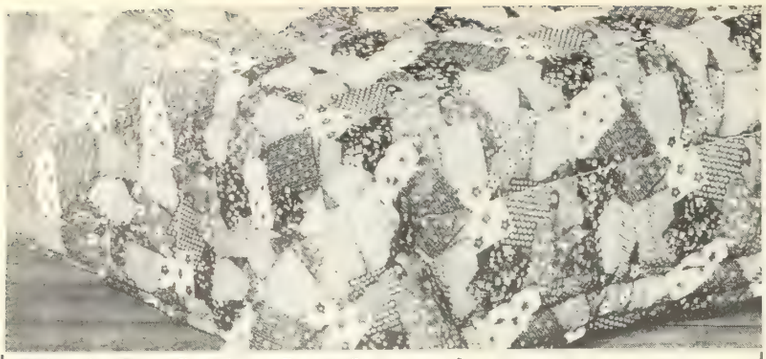
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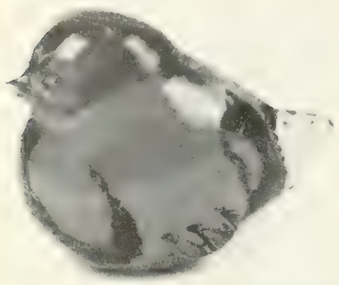
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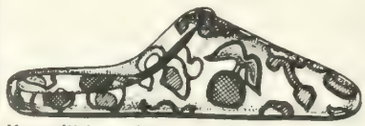
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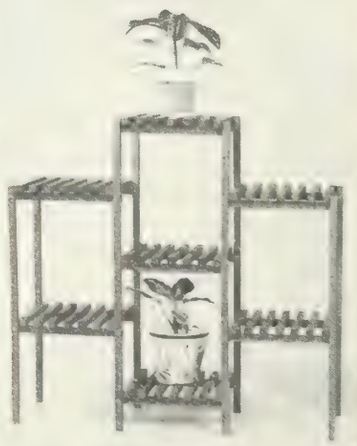
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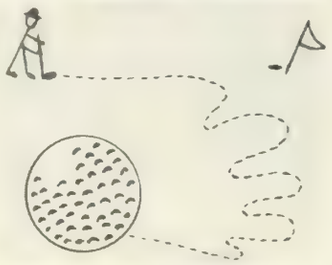
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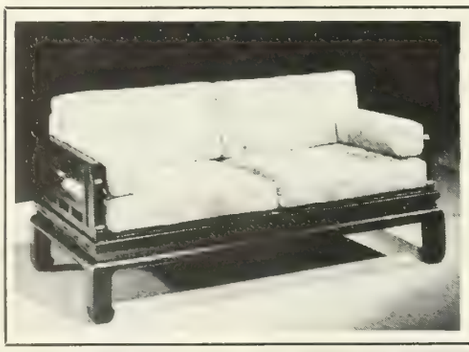
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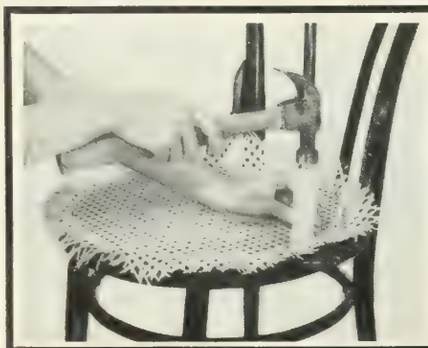
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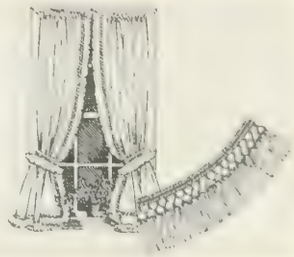
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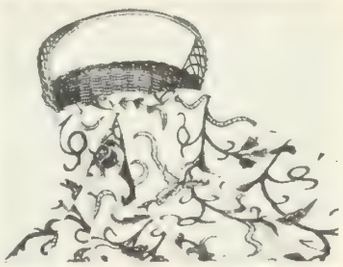
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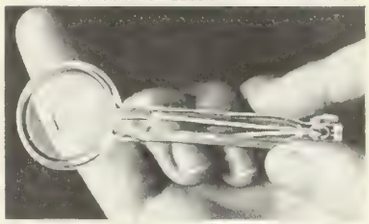
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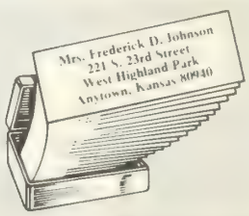
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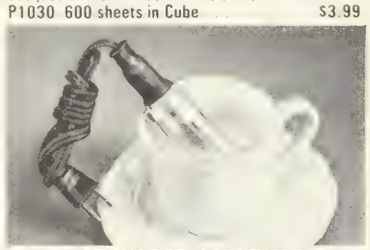
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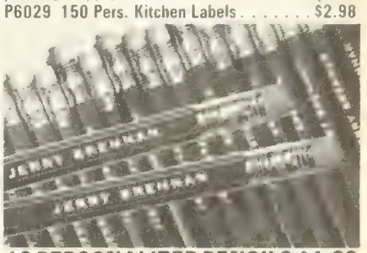
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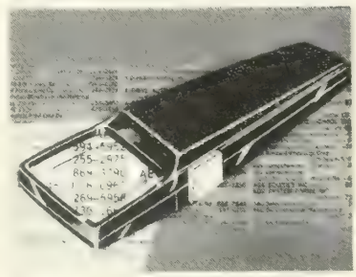
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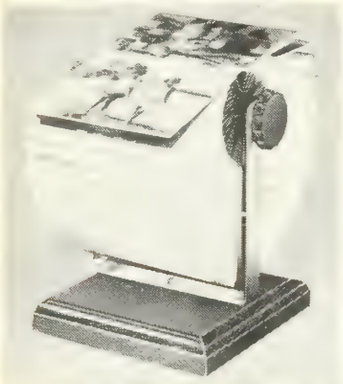


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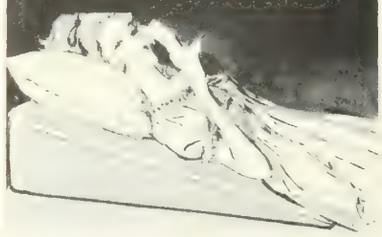
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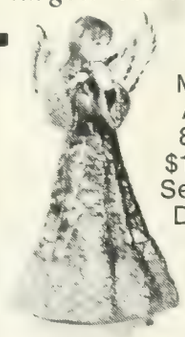


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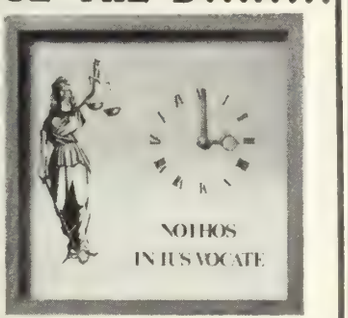


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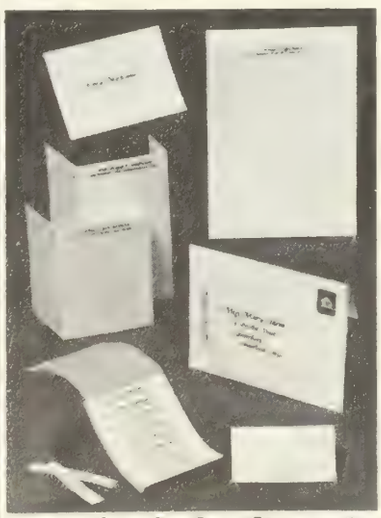
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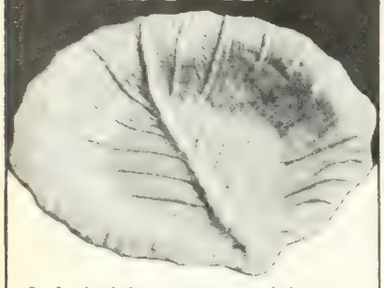
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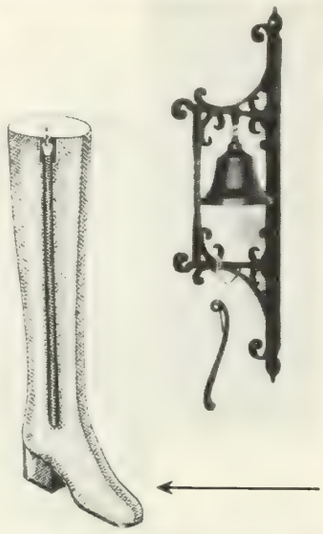
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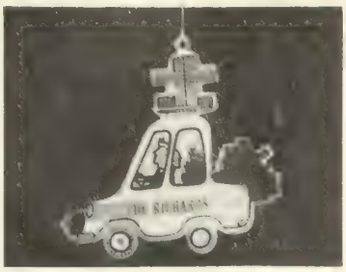
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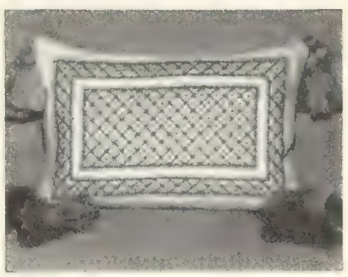
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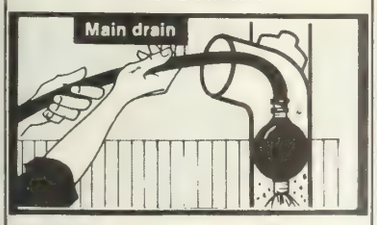
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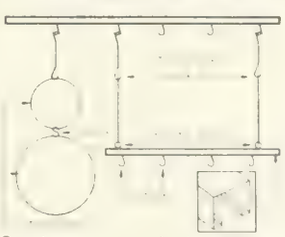
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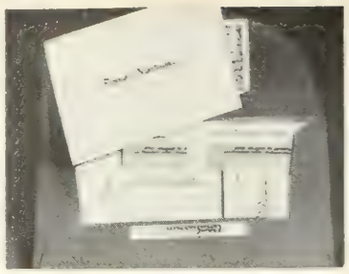
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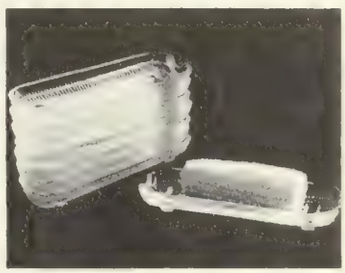
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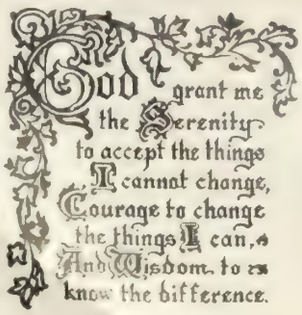
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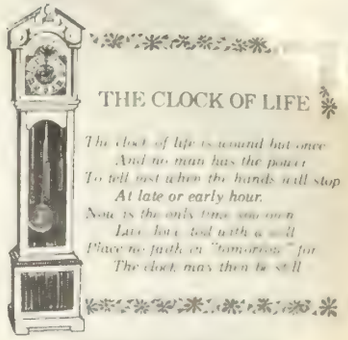
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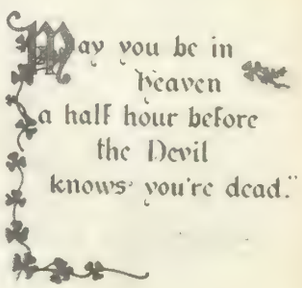
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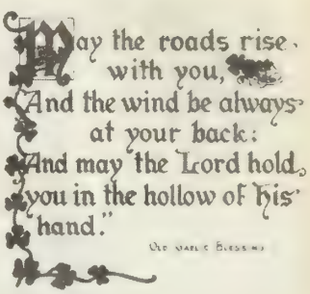
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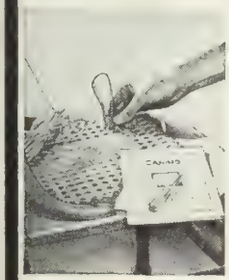
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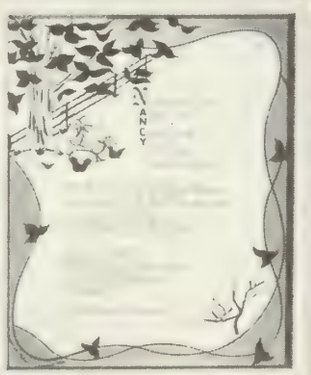
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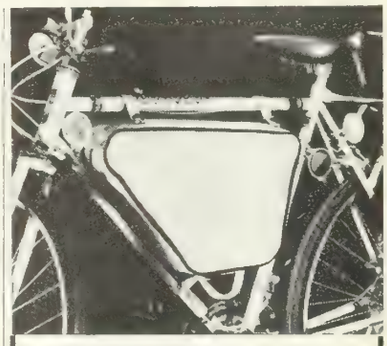
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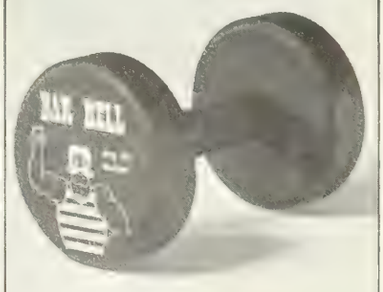
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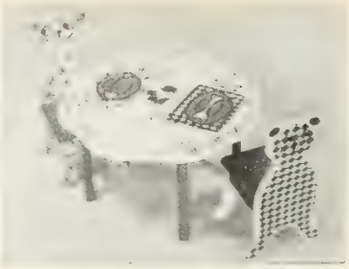
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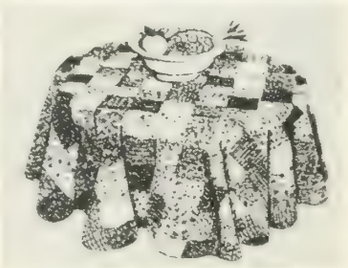
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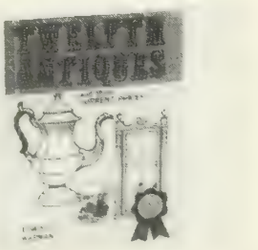
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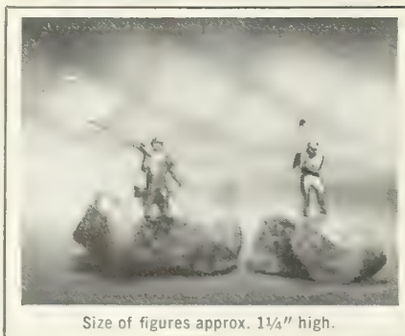
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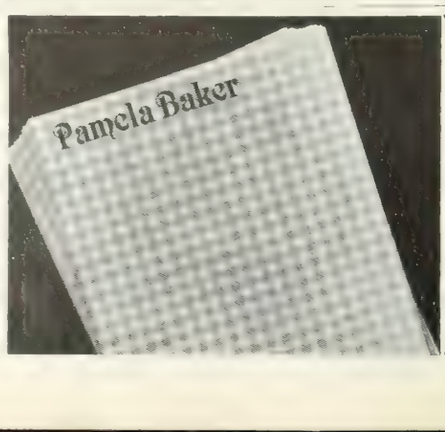
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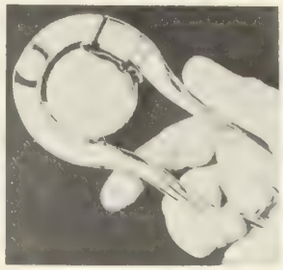
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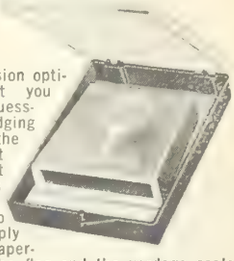
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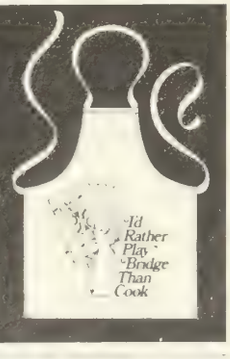
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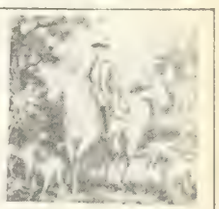
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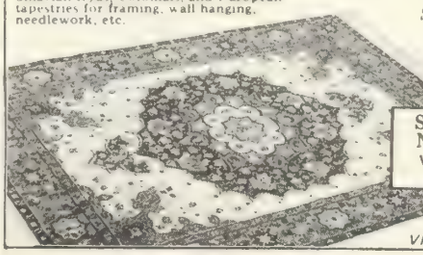


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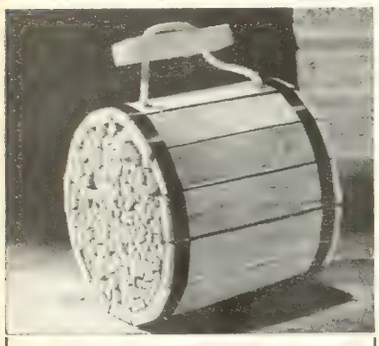


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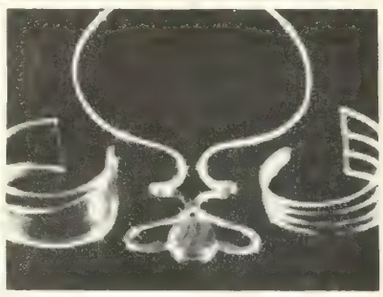
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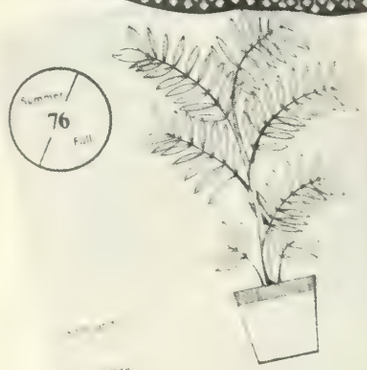
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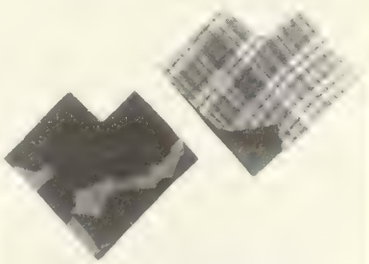


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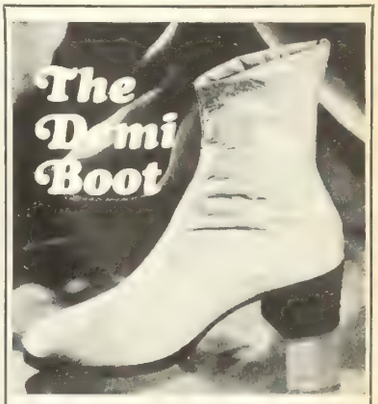
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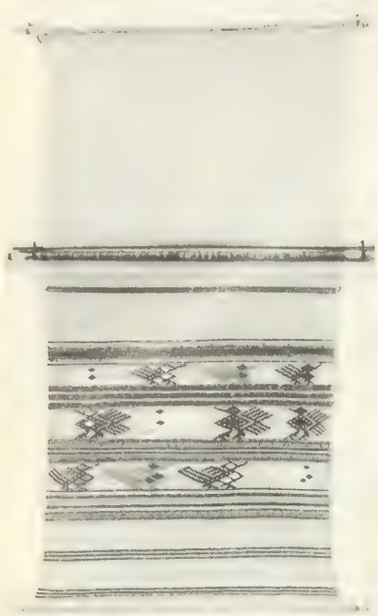
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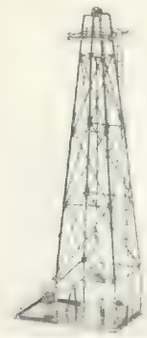
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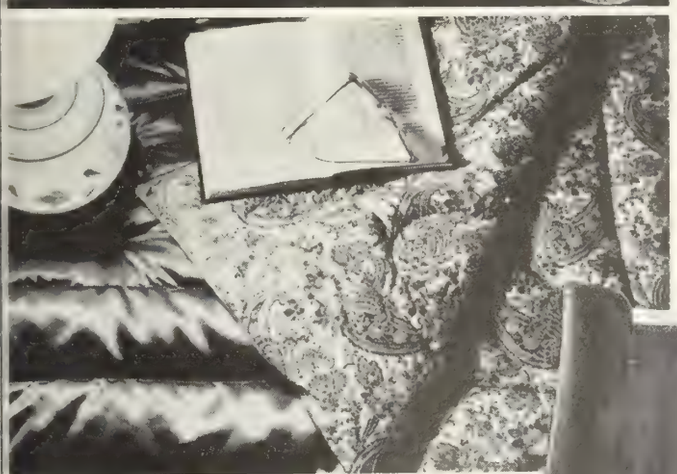
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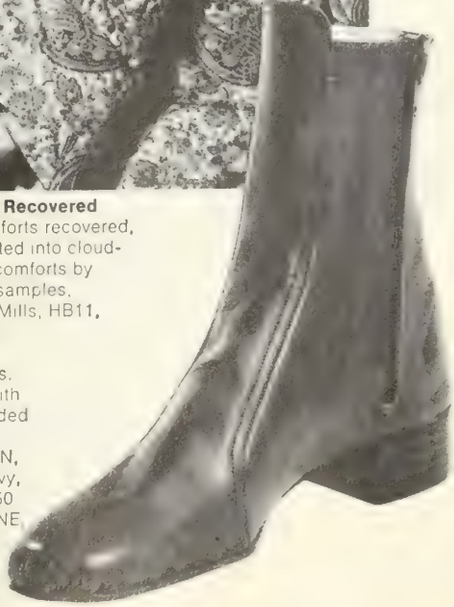
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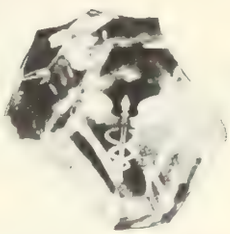
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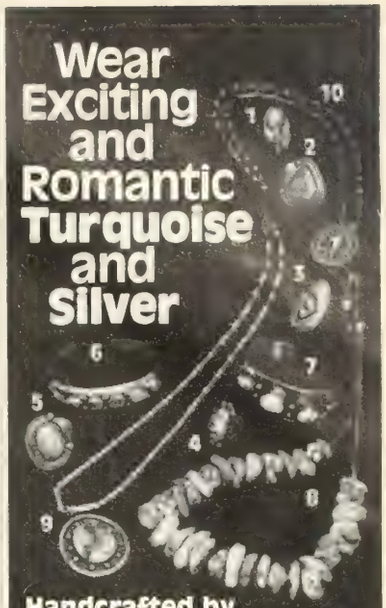
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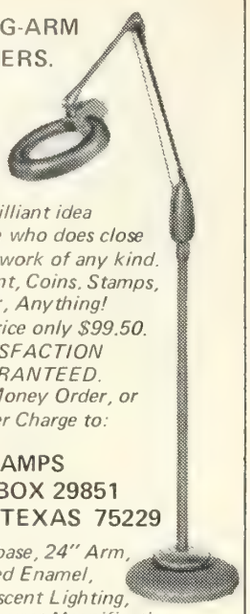
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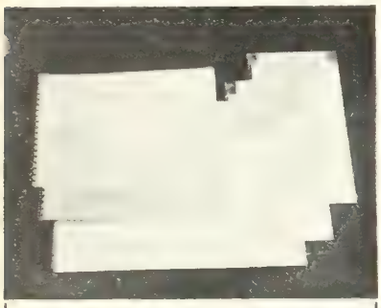
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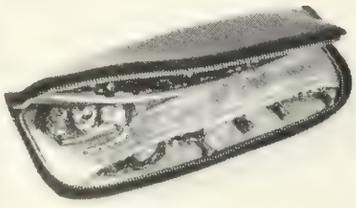
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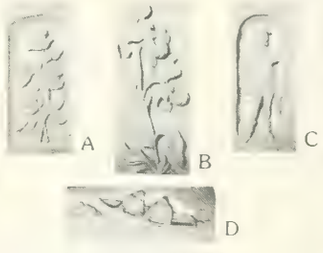
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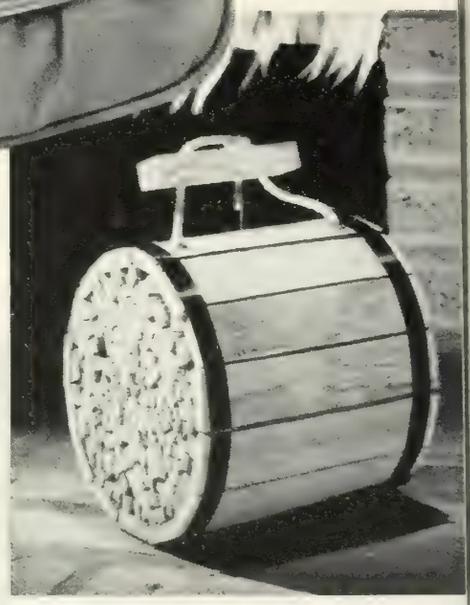
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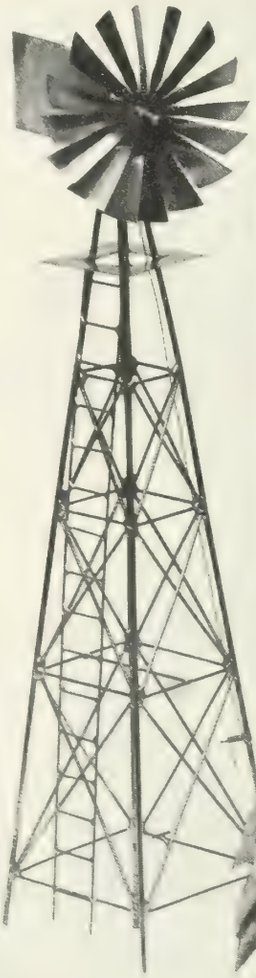
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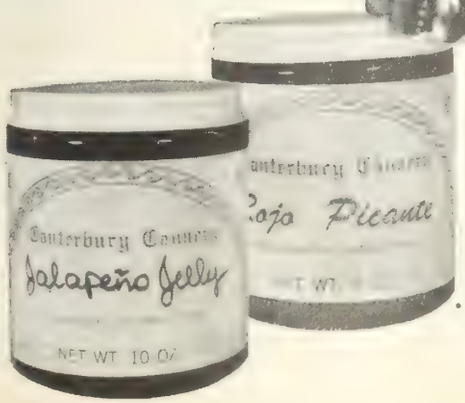


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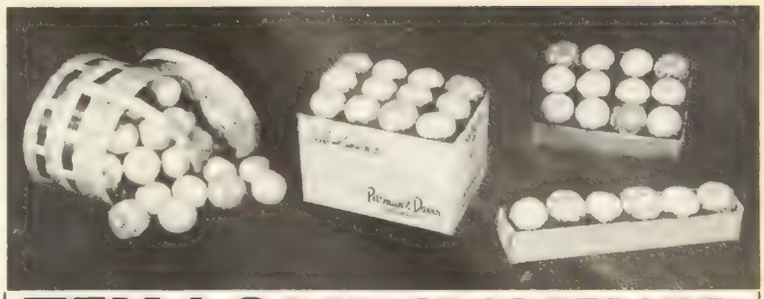
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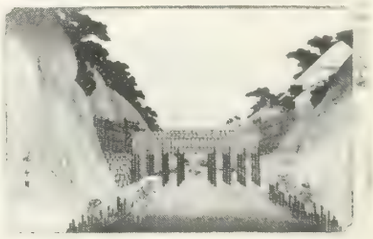


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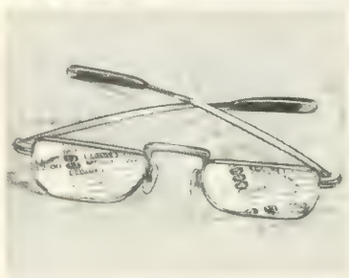
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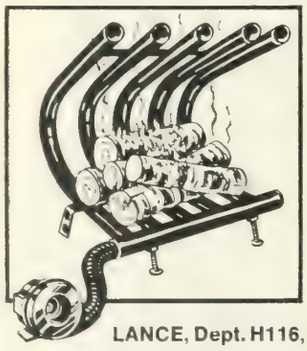
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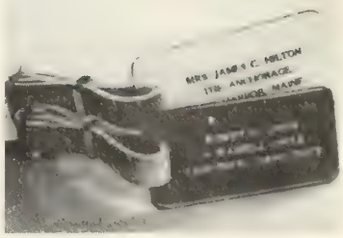
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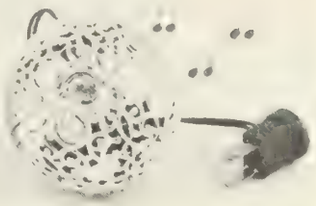
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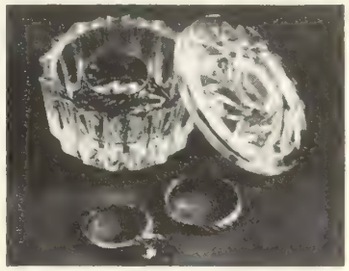
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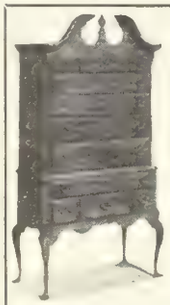
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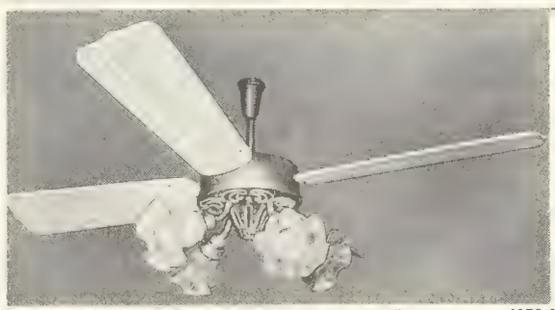
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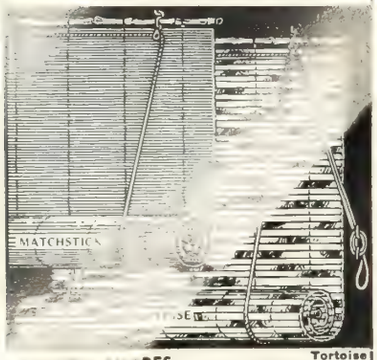
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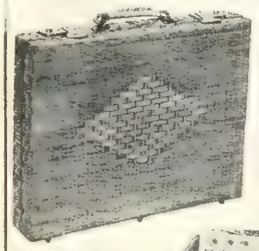
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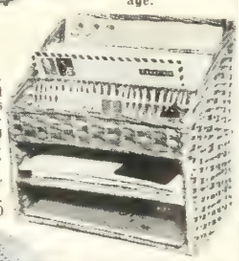
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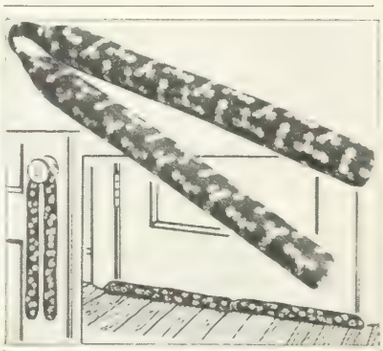
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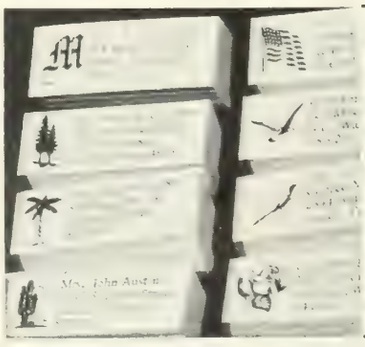
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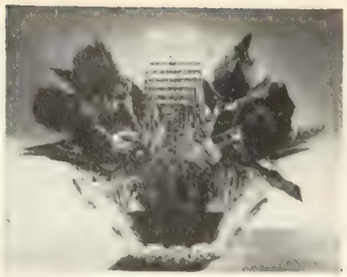
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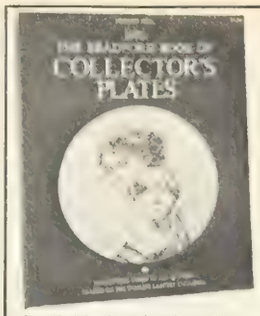


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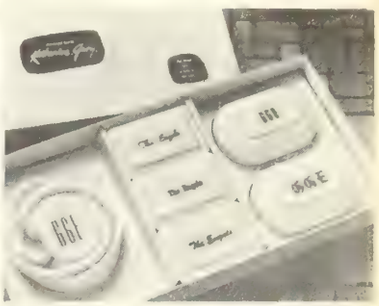
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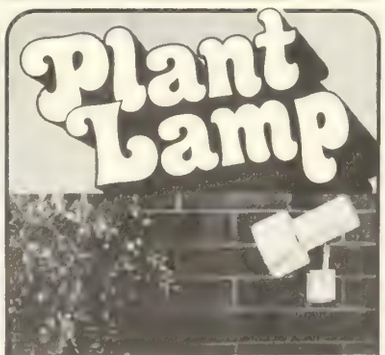
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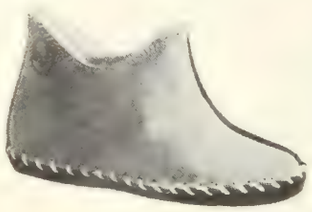
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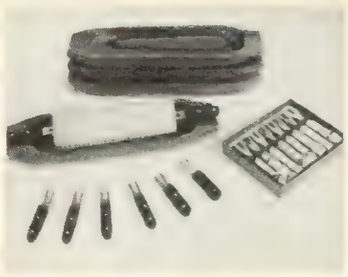


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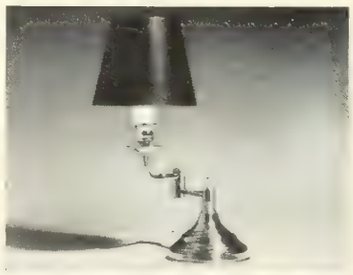
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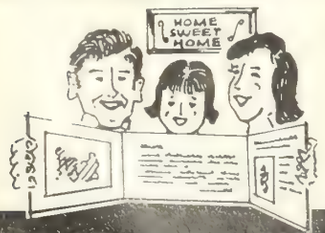
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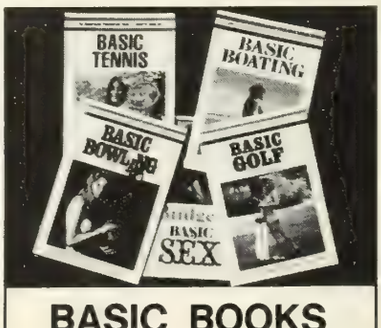
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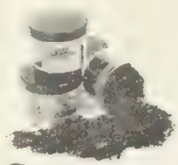
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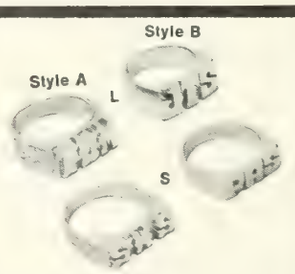
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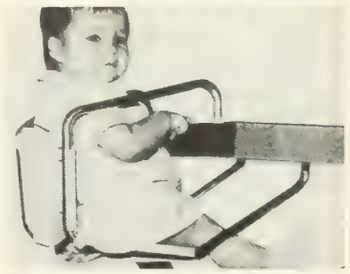
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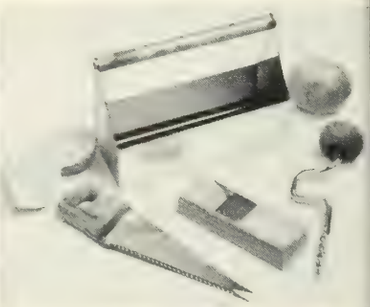


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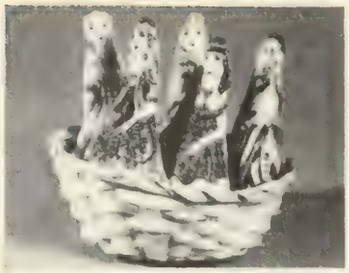
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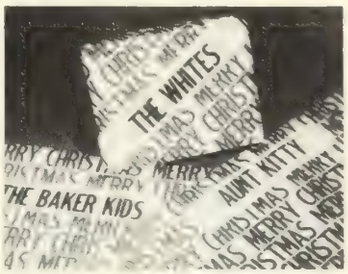
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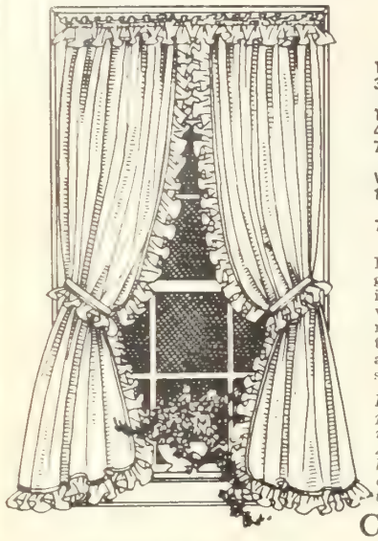
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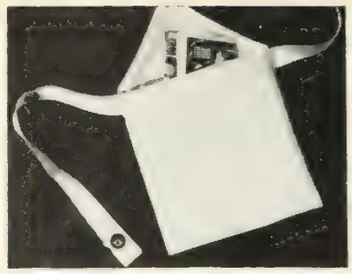
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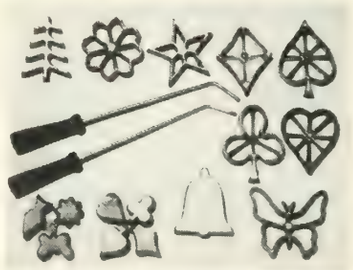
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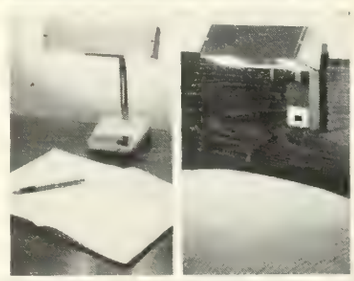
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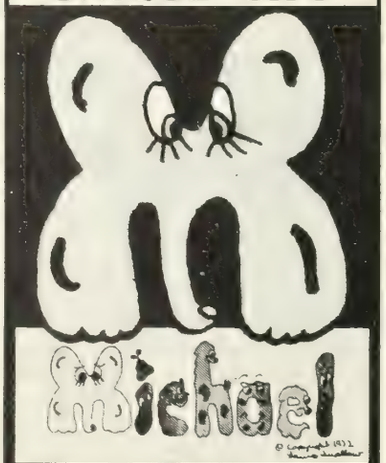
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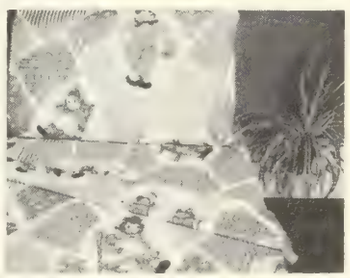
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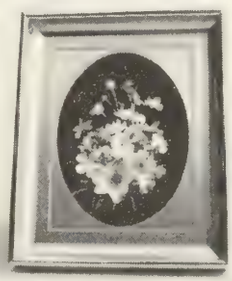
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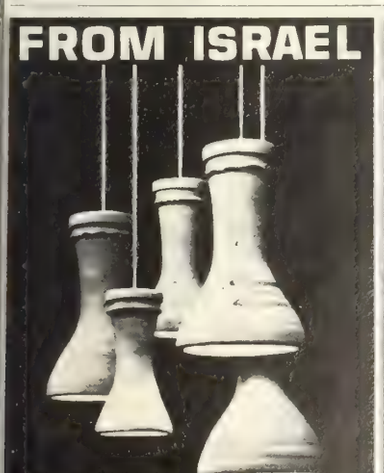


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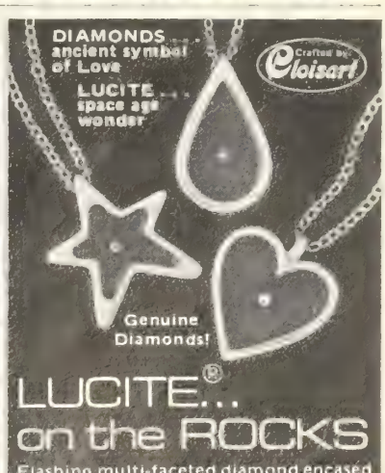


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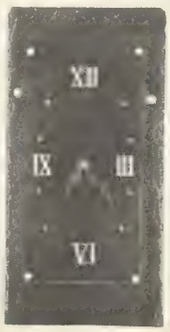
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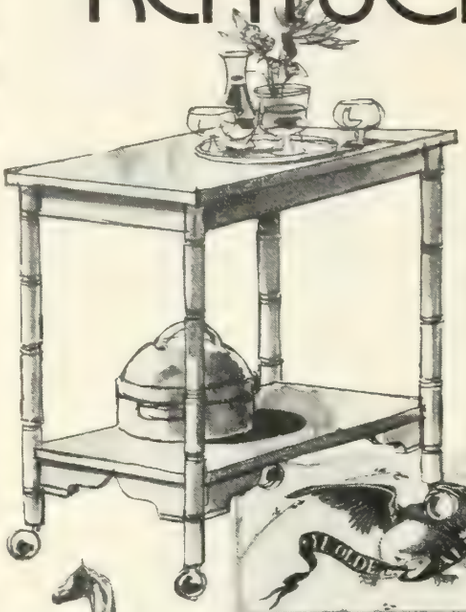
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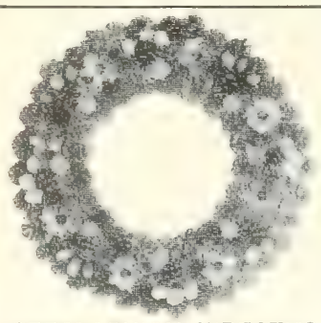
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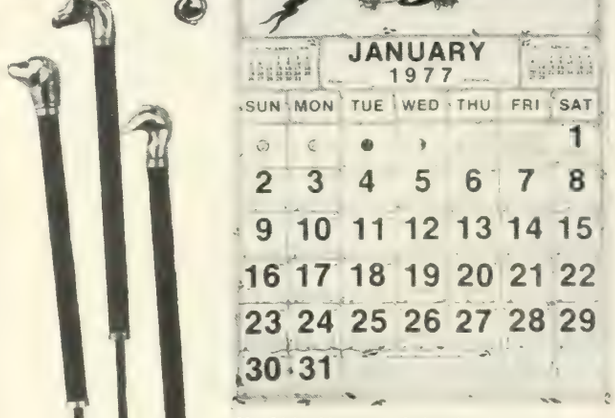
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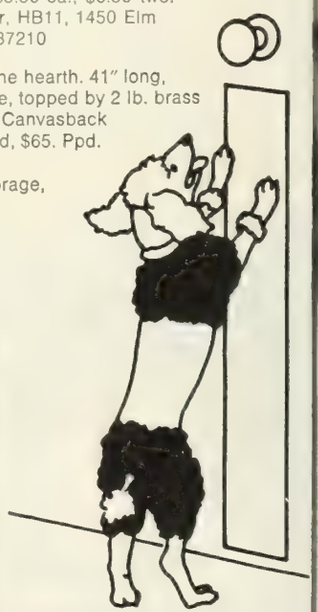
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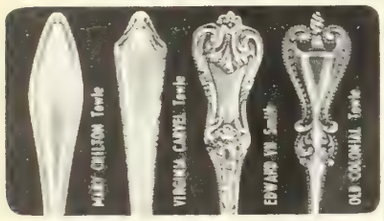
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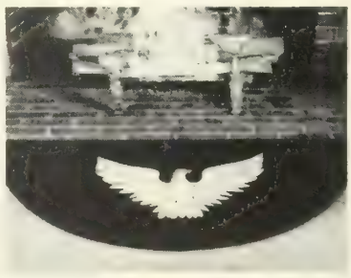
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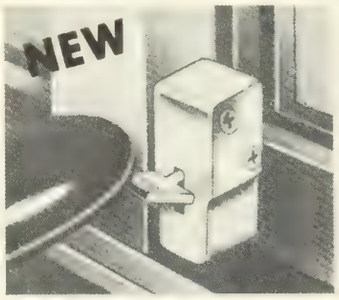
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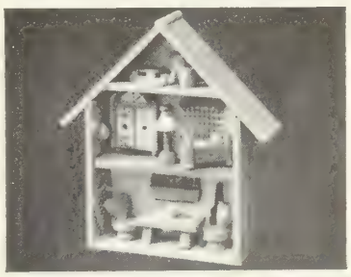
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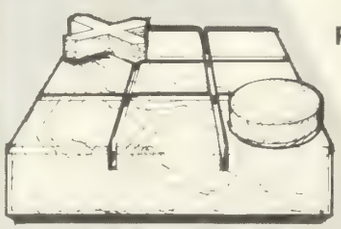
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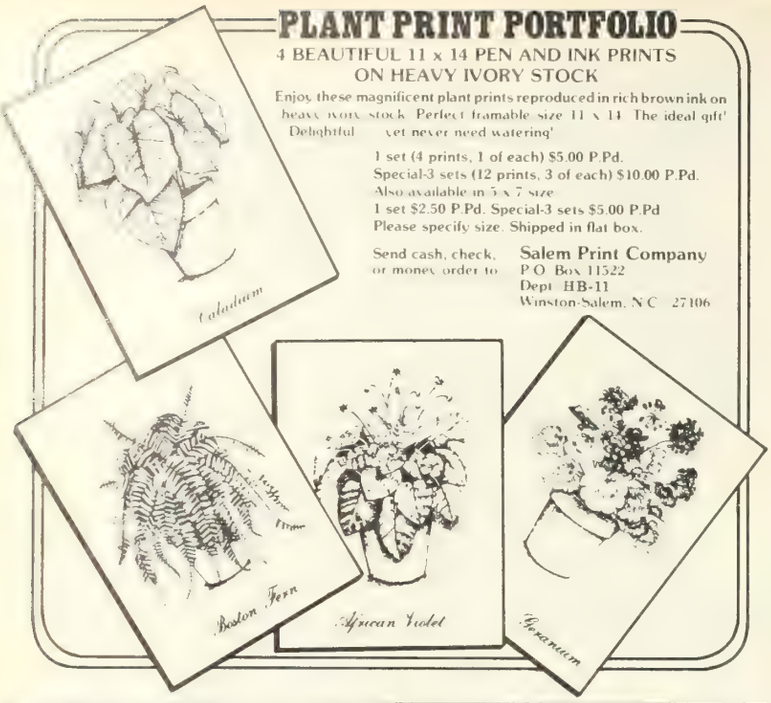
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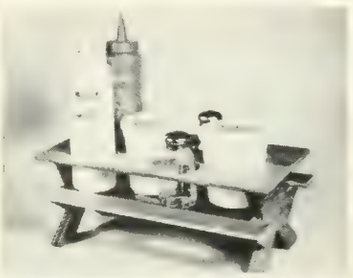




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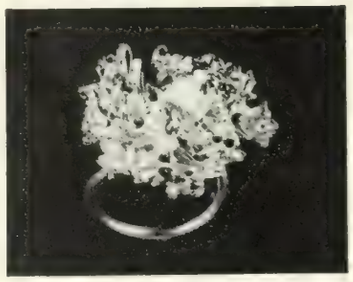
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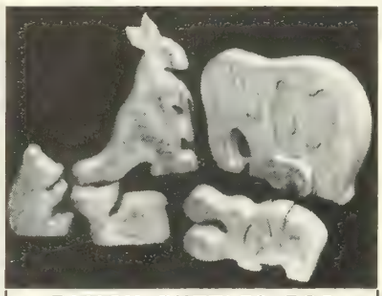


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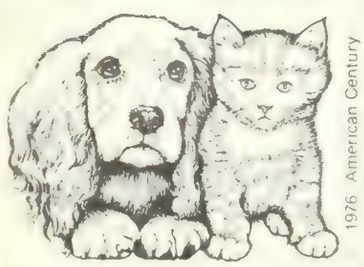
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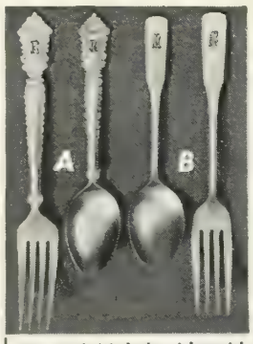


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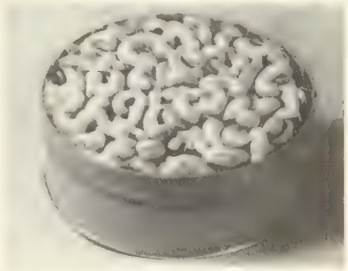
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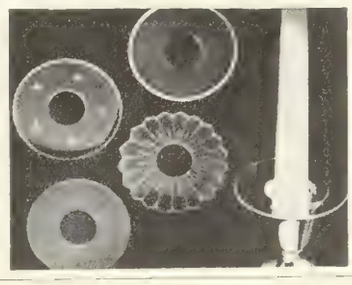
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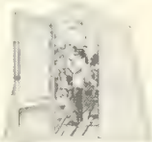
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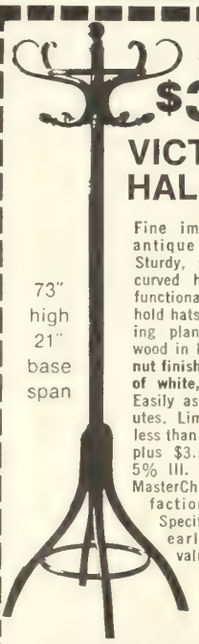
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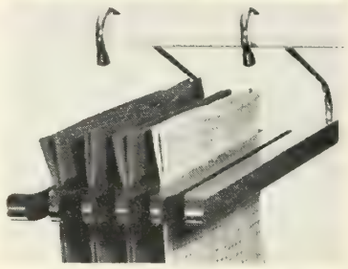
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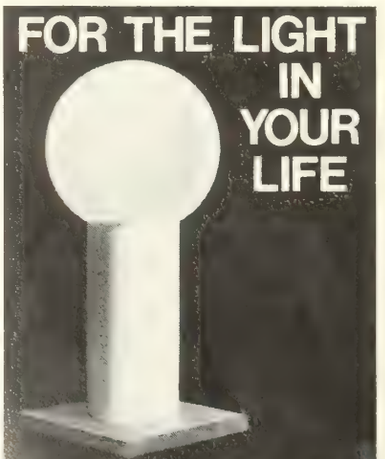
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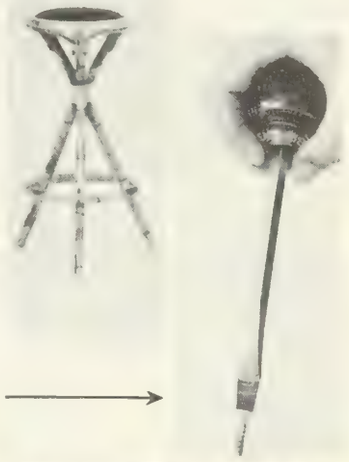
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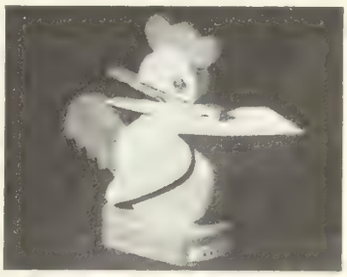


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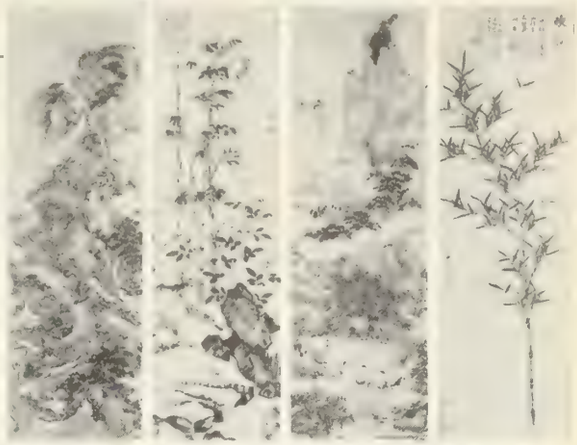
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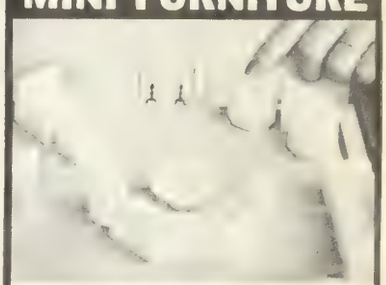
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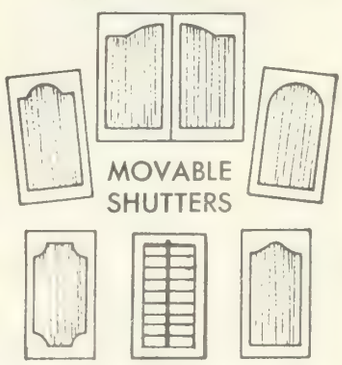
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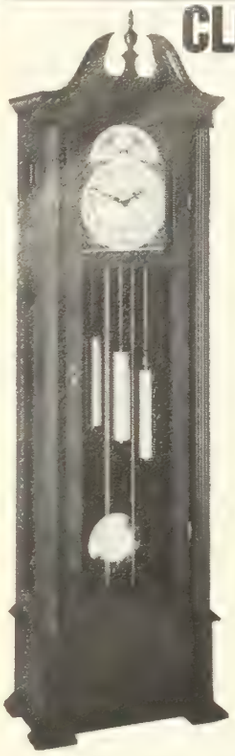
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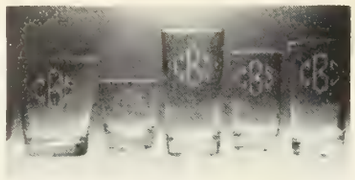


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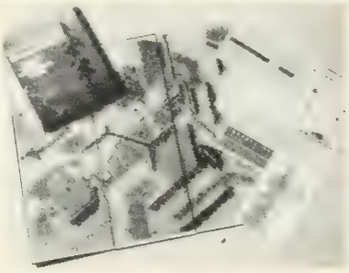
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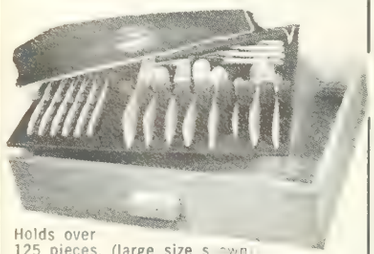


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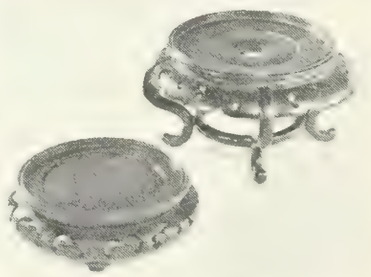
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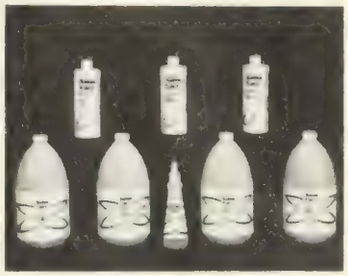
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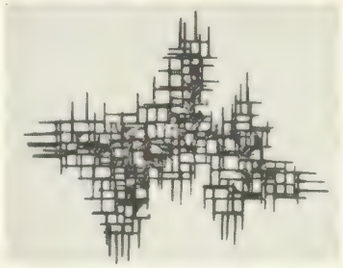
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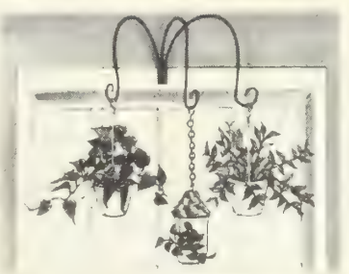
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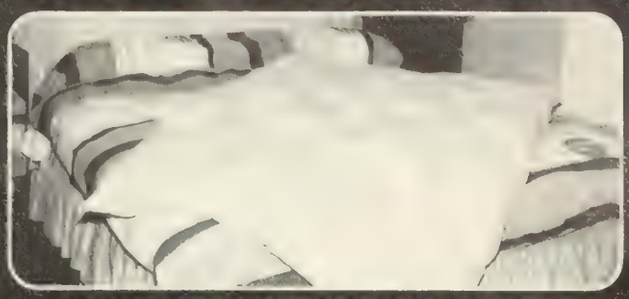
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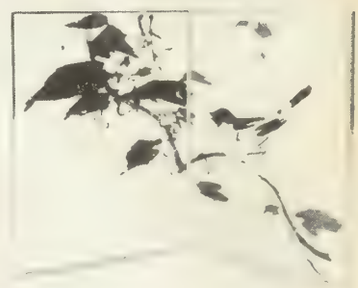
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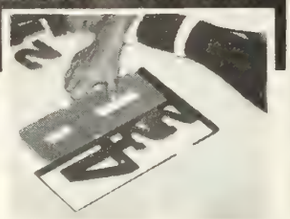
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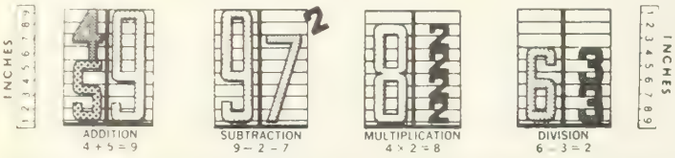
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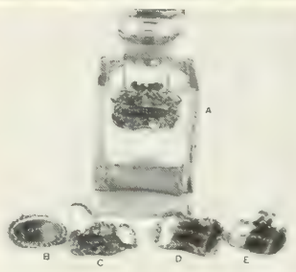
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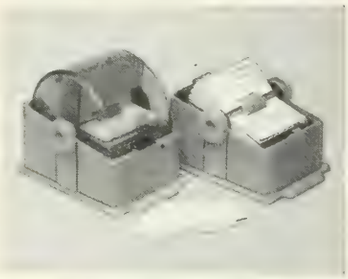
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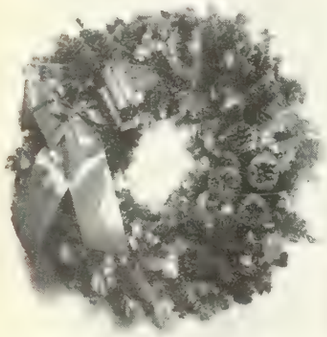


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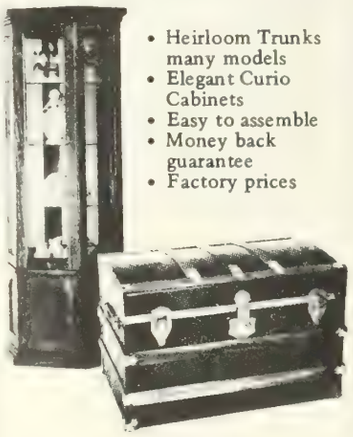
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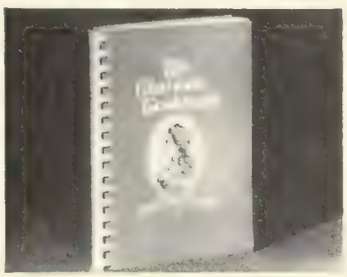
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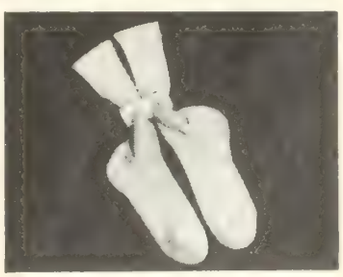
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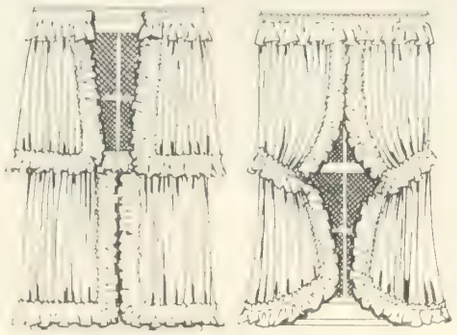
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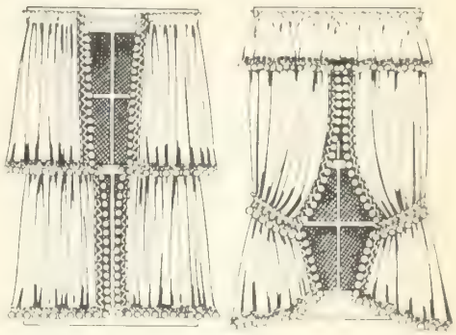
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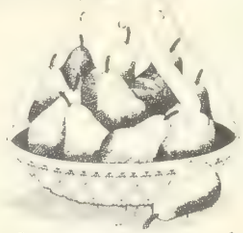
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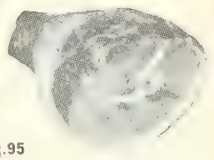
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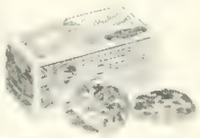


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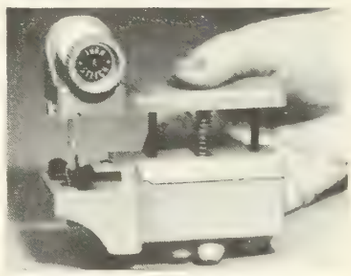
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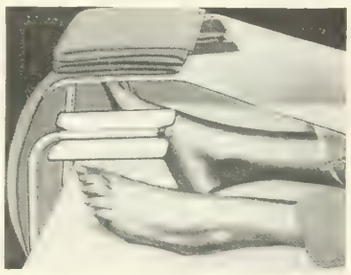
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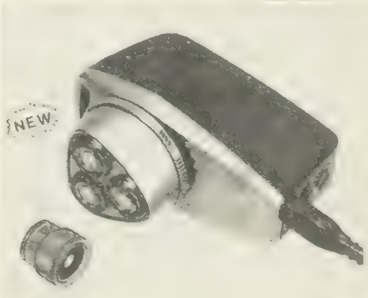


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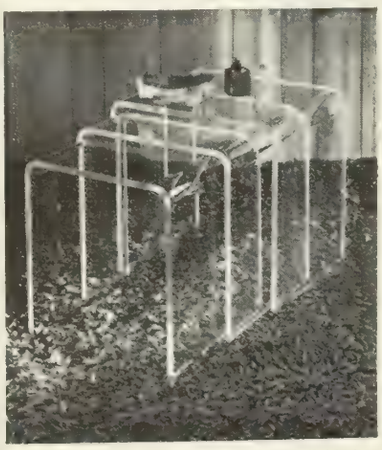
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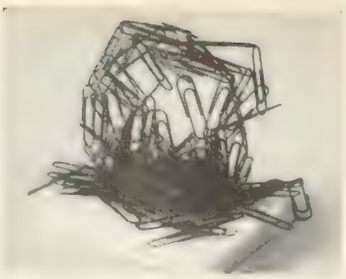
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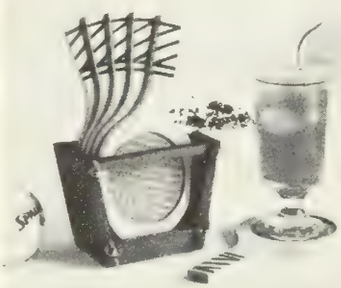
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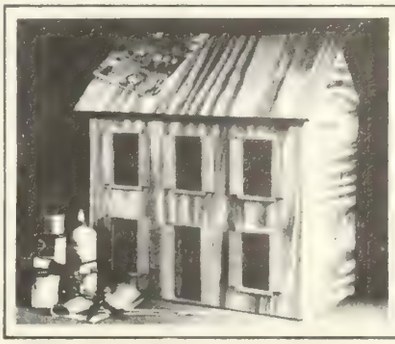
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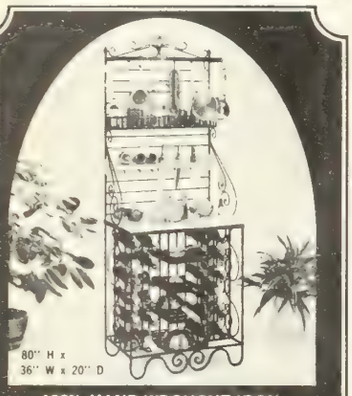
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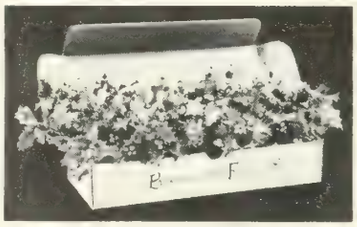
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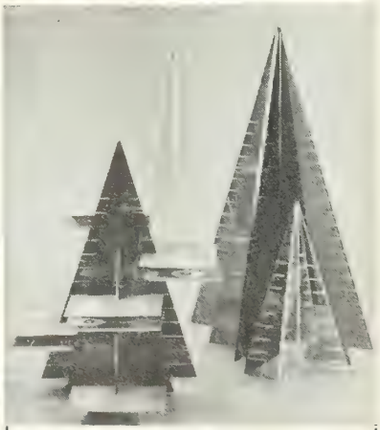
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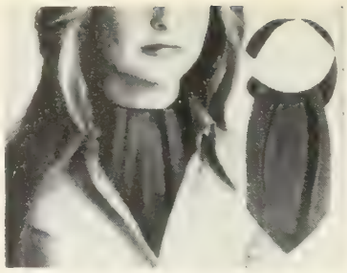
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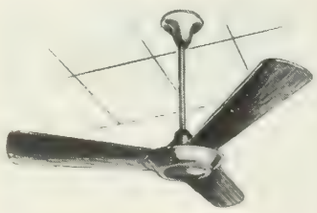
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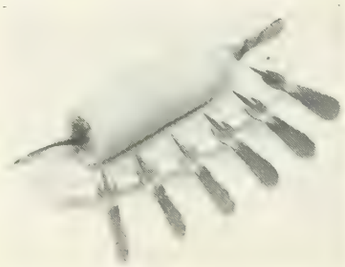
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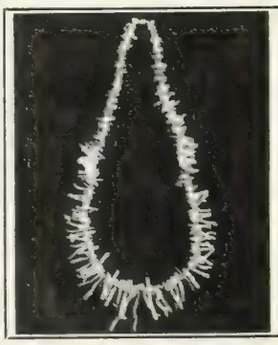
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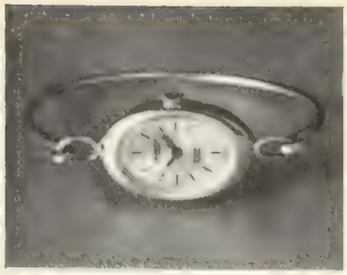
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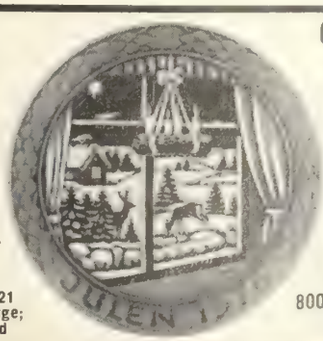
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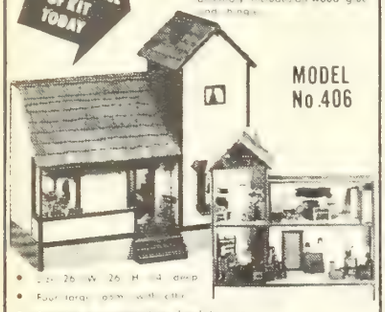


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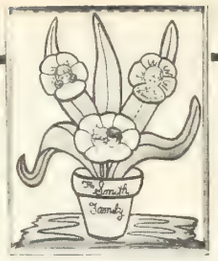


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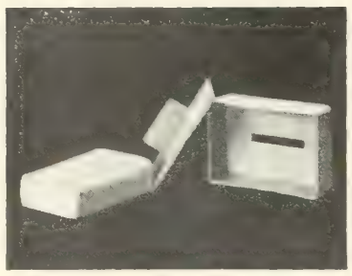
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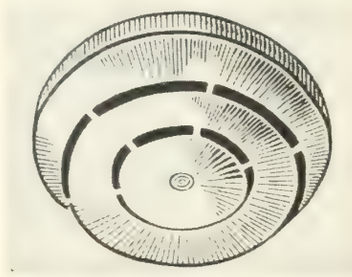
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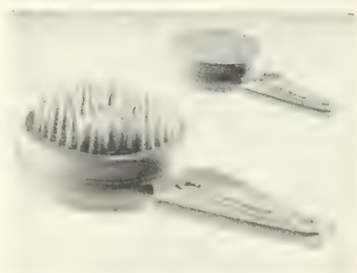
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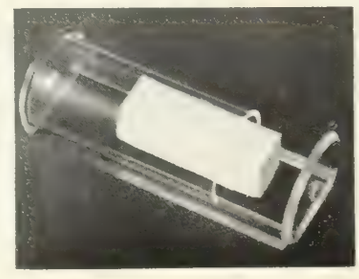
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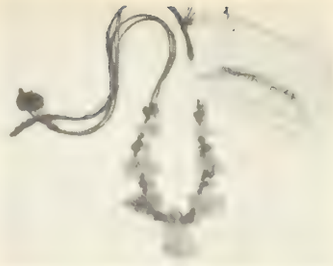


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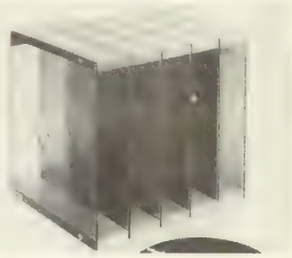


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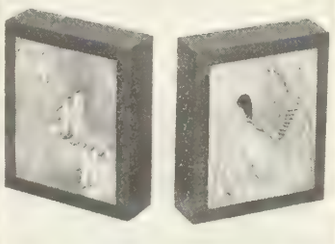
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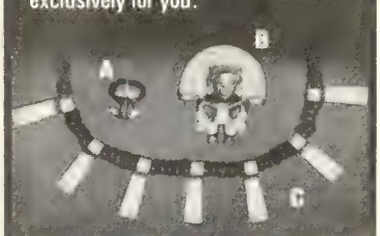
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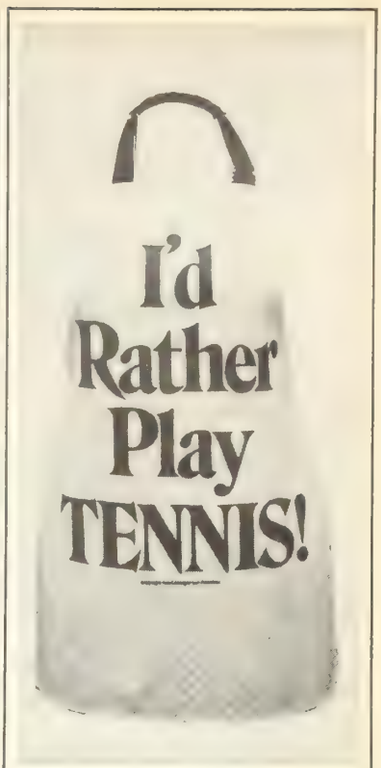
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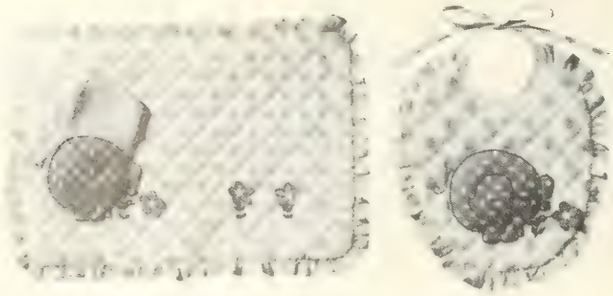
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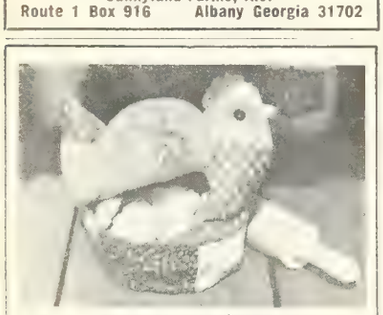
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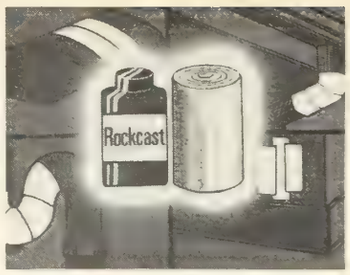
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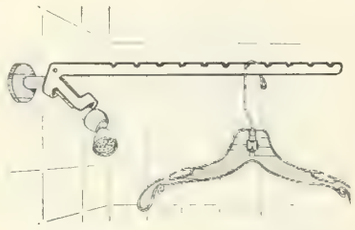
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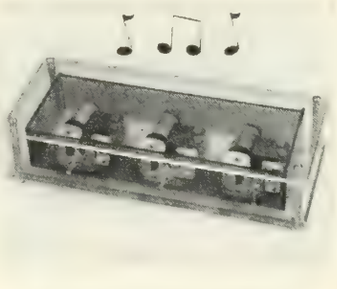
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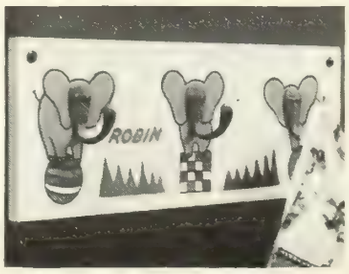
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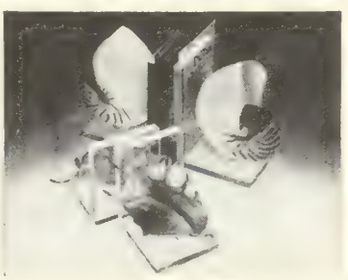
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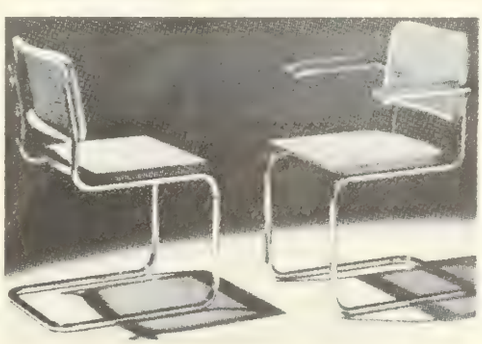
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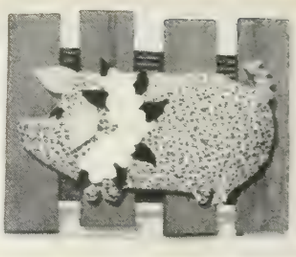
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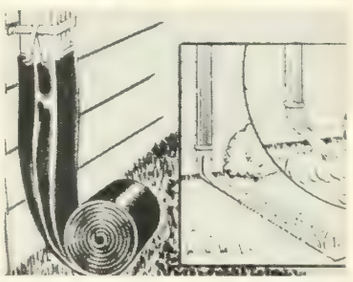
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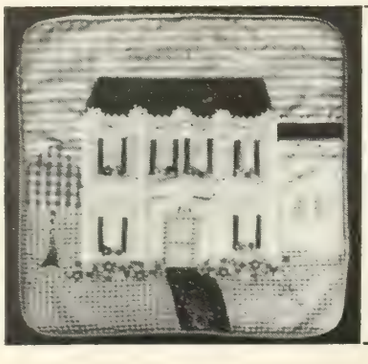
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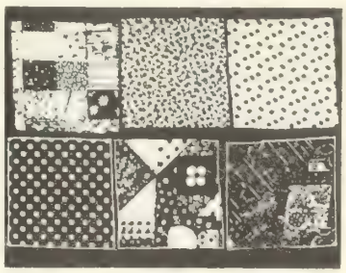
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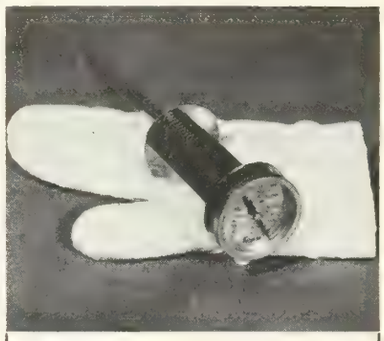
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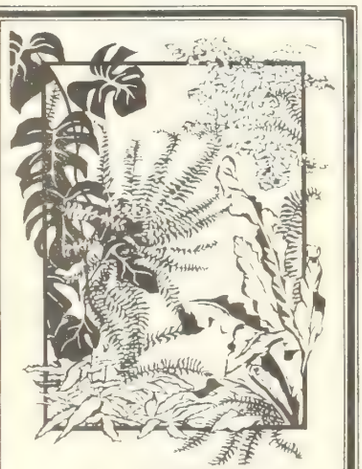
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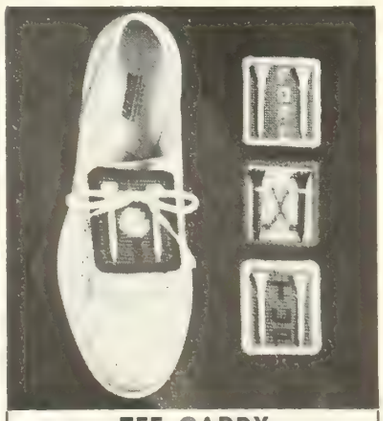
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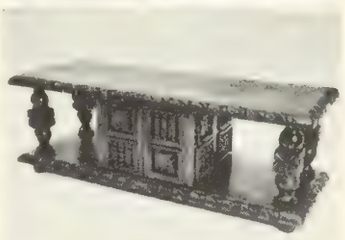
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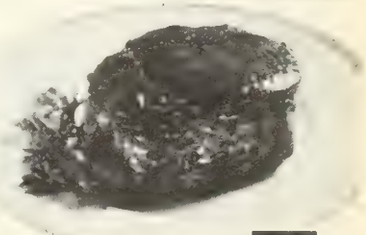
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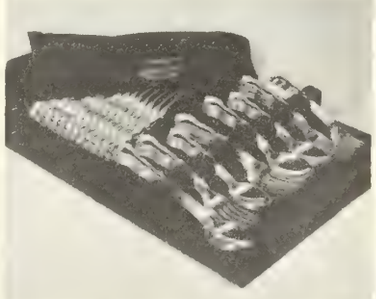
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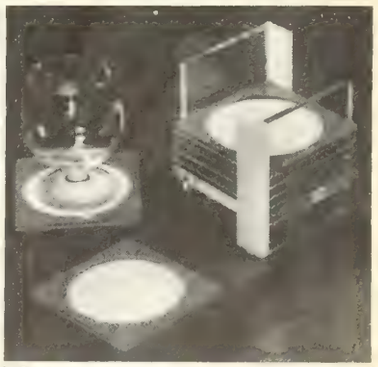
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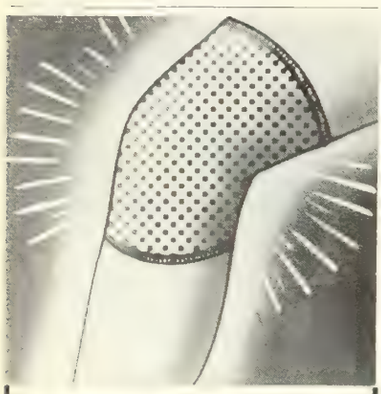
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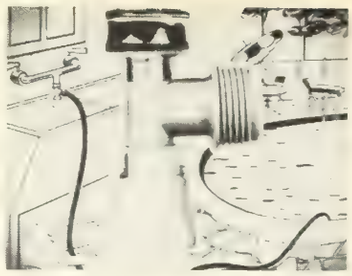
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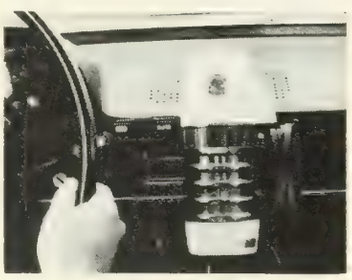
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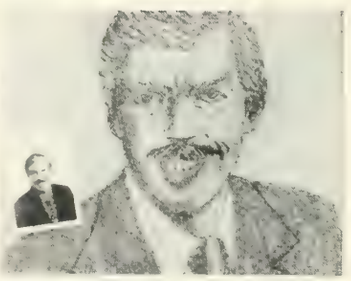
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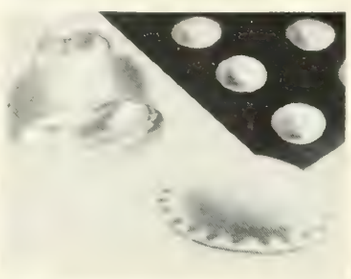
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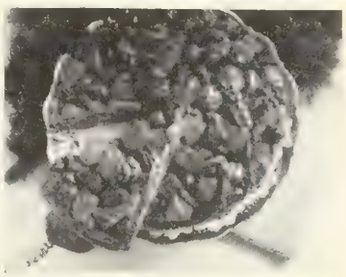
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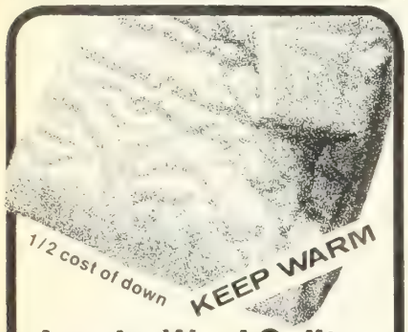
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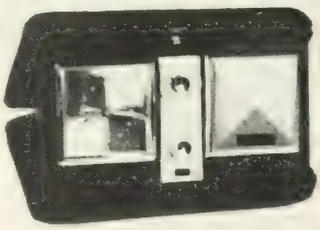
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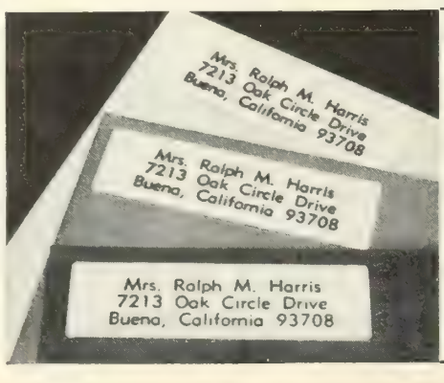
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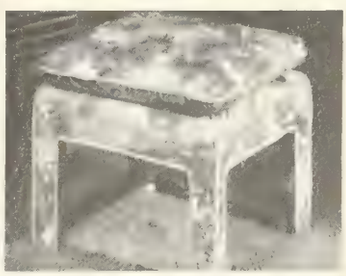
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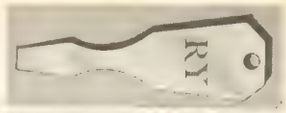


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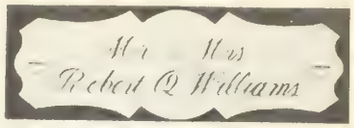


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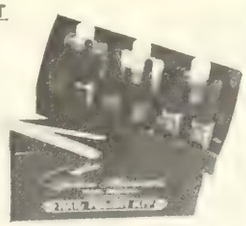
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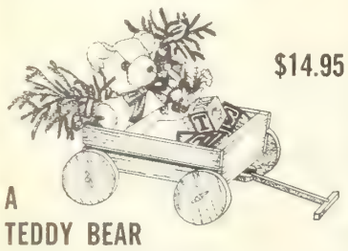
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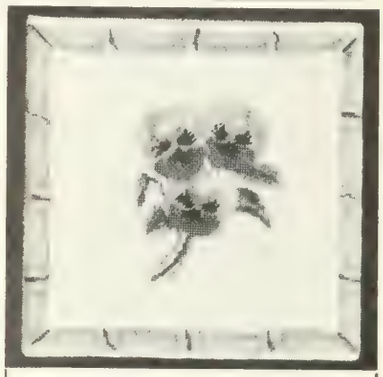
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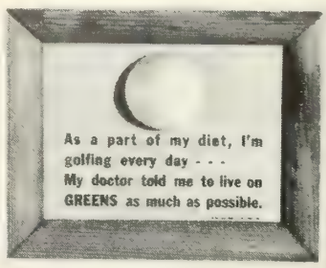
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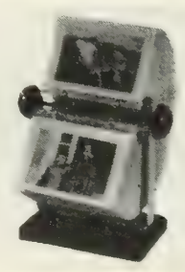
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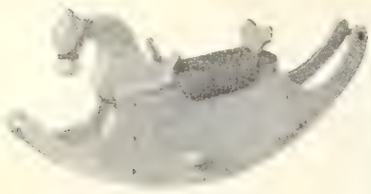
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BRANDY

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widely available in the U.S., we would classify Delamain, Camus, Monnet, Denis-Mounie and Bisquit as lighter examples (though still fuller in body than brandy from many other regions), with Remy Martin, Hine, Poulignac and Martell (a little sweeter) in the mid-range and the Courvoisier, Hennessy and Otard as being woodiest and fullest (though Hennessy's special Bicentennial Cuvée for the American market is sweeter and lighter than most).

Armagnac: Armagnac is another region of France allowed to call its brandies by regional name. Armagnacs are similar to Cognac but perhaps even more robust. They're made in small amounts and hard to come by in this country, although you might find Larressingle, Marquis de Montesquiou, Marquis de Caussade or Janneau in your area—and all worth trying.

California: Most of the brandy consumed in this country is made on our own West Coast. California brandies usually are clean, light, flavorful, grapy.

The prestige leader, Christian Brothers XO Rare Reserve, is a blend of great character and finesse that can take its place among the finest brandies in the world. The less-expensive regular Christian Brothers Brandy is lighter but pleasant and nicely balanced, as is Coronet VSQ, the other major volume seller. We've also enjoyed the Paul Masson, the Korbel and Cresta Blanca brands, and although we're not as familiar with them, such labels as Guild's Old San Francisco Brandy, Franzia and Almaden are held in high regard in many quarters. Lejon, Leroux, Old Mr. Boston and Hiram Walker are generally considered among the lightest; Beaulieu Vineyard's leans to the sweet side, as does the apply-perfumy J. Bavet. There are many other brands, but this sampling might give you an idea of the wealth of possibilities.

Spain: Most of the great Sherry houses make brandy; most of the brandies they make are rather sweet and woody. Pedro Domecq's Fundador is probably the best-known here and certainly fits that description, as do similar examples from Duff Gordon, Gonzalez Byass and Sandeman. Gonzalez Byass' elegant Lepanto and Pedro Domecq's Carlos I are more in the traditional Cognac style, expensive and not widely available.

Germany: Few German brands readily found in large quantities in the U.S. You probably will find Asbach Uralt, similar to a Cognac in woodiness but sweeter and not as rounded.

Italy: The major Italian brandy coming into the U.S. is Stock 84, both strongly flowery and sweet to the taste, with a certain underlying grapiness. Some regions also will have the Buton and Riunite Vittoria labels, both rather medium-bodied and a bit sweet.

The companies also ship us small amounts of Grappa, a pumice brandy made from distilling the grape skins, seeds and pulp after the wine has been pressed out. Grappa is clear or faintly yellow in tint, generally very fiery (and sometimes raw) in spirit. It's an extra you might want to consider.

Other areas: Brandy is made in almost every wine-producing region. Results vary widely, of course, and few regions produce any single brand that is a major factor in the American market. We have enjoyed a French brandy called DeVille and know others who like the Duvet, Ivaldi and Garnier.

Carmel Wines sells a nice Israeli brandy called Rishon; Portugal sends small quantities of several brands, similar in style to the Spanish. The Greek firm Cambas has several here and you will find small amounts from such countries as Yugoslavia, Mexico and Australia.

Other types of brandy: Marc, from France, is, like Grappa, a pumice brandy, as is the Peruvian Pisco. Expect a jolting, strong liquor; serve very cold.

There are many types of fruit eaux-de-vie, but the ones you're likely to find (with a bit of searching) are Kirsch (cherry), Poire Williams (pear), Framboise (raspberry), maybe Mirabelle (yellow plum) or Quetsch (purple plum), made in France, Switzerland or Germany. All are clear or almost clear in color, fairly strong and not really sweet. Serve chilled. And you may find some Slivovitz, the Yugoslav plum brandy, which shows more brandy color because it is aged in wood.

A special note should be made for apple brandy, generally more reminiscent of the classics than of the eaux-de-vie. Laird's Applejack is the best-known here, from an American firm that traces its history back to the beginnings of our country (George Washington was a Laird's fancier). In some areas, you will find one called Spea's, as well as the lovely French apple brandy known as Calvados.

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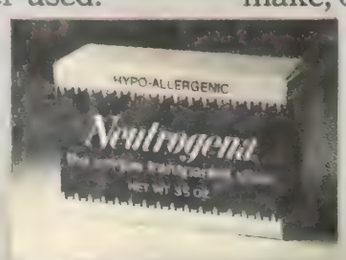
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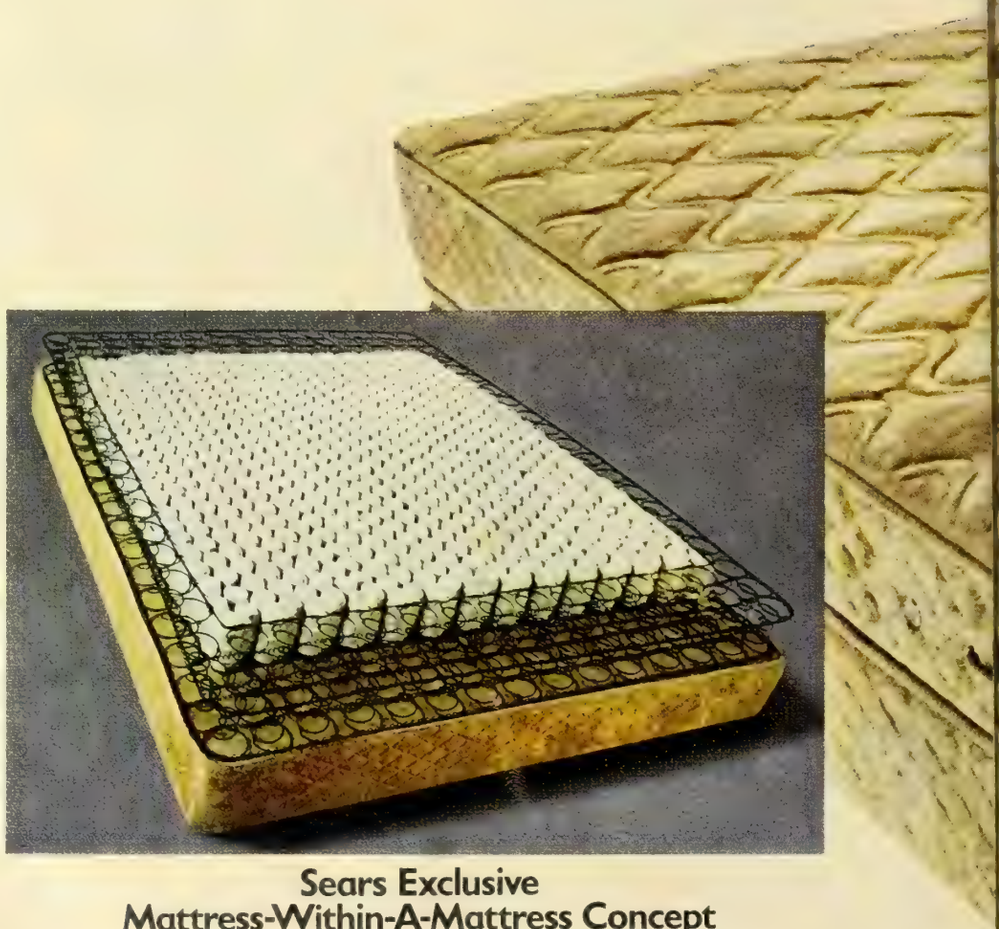
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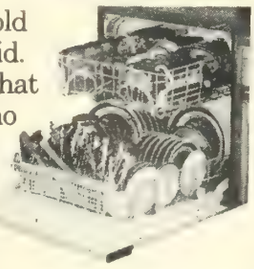


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BUYING THE 'RIGHT' TOY

match it to a child's skills

By ELIZABETH V. WARREN

This is the time of year when parents participate in what one psychologist calls our "national orgy" of buying Christmas toys for children. Whether out of a sincere expression of love, a feeling of guilt, indecision over the vast array of toys on display, or all of the above, the fact is that parents are piling a lot of goodies under the tree.

Dr. Brian Sutton-Smith, a psychologist and an authority on the effects of play and toys on child development, claims this is not necessarily bad. Compensating for guilt feelings in such a way does help the parents feel better, he says, and the children certainly aren't complaining. It is true that too many toys at one time may distract the child and prevent him from getting the full value of any one toy. What is wrong, he explains, is the indiscriminate purchase of playthings—buying what appeals to the parents or what the child may demand after exposure to endless hours of television commercials—without considering the needs of the individual child. Parents lack of interest in their child's play once the toys have been unwrapped can also limit the effectiveness of any plaything.

Psychologist Brian Sutton-Smith and his wife, Shirley, believe that parents should buy toys that "match" their children, then actively join in the child's play. Here they're having fun with daughter Emily, (left) and her friends Lisa and Peter Wrona.

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Over-buying for a young child isn't necessarily bad

Dr. Sutton-Smith believes that toys should "match" the child—in age, mental ability, social and physical skills and interests. Studies indicate that children will benefit most from, and actually prefer, toys that are just above their level of competence. When the toy is above a child's level, expect it to take a period of weeks, or even months for the child to fully understand and thoroughly enjoy the new plaything.

The key to this understanding is parental involvement. You can't match a toy to your child's level unless you have observed and participated in play with him. This means getting down on hands and knees and joining in the play already in progress, then introducing new toys and play concepts and finally stepping back and watching the child master these new concepts. Age ranges listed on toy packages are only general guidelines. They can be a good start, however, because most toy manufacturers employ psychologists to advise them on age groupings. Use toy company "ages" if you are buying a gift for a child you don't know well. For your own child, when you think he's ready, you may want to choose a toy marked for a slightly older age. The worst that can happen is having to put away the toy until you feel your offspring—and you—are ready to try again. Never push a child. Dr. Sutton-Smith stresses that "play should be spontaneous and not forced. Never attempt to rush (*Continued*)

Studies show that children benefit most from toys above their age level



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Useful, pretty bread baskets, wreaths and hosts of other objects are easy to form from dough—a holiday craft for the family, young and old alike. One family we know decorated an entire Christmas tree with dough-art ornaments —reindeers, trees, bells—the leftovers saved to use as gifts.

By KRISTIN HUBBARD □ **Shaping dough into Christmas tree ornaments or gifts is an age-old way for family and friends to enjoy a holiday. Dough sculpture is inexpensive (everything you need is probably right on your kitchen shelves) and the masterpieces you complete will last to be admired again next year. This century-old craft is well explained and expanded in Morton Salt Co.'s easy-to-read *Dough-It-Yourself-Handbook*. In addition to detailing holiday ornaments, the manual explains how to make your own wall plaques and jewelry that look surprisingly like the real thing. All ages will be intrigued with the possibilities—ranging from doll houses to picture frames—and nearly all ages can take part. You can obtain a copy of the manual by sending a check or money order for $1 to Dough-It-Yourself Handbook, Box 9067, Kankakee, Ill. 60901.**

The secret (and inexpensive quality) of the dough lies in the use of salt in place of sugar. The recipe is simple: 2 cups of all-purpose flour, 1 cup of salt, 1 cup of water. Combine flour and salt in a large flat-bottomed bowl and mix well with spoon. Next, add water, a little at a time, mixing as you pour to form a ball (take care not to add too much so dough becomes sticky). Knead seven to 10 minutes (*Continued on page 16*)

safety note for Christmas trees

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children through the various stages of play and learning."

To help parents who are confused about choosing the right toy, Dr. Sutton-Smith has developed a "curriculum" of play and toys for the first 12 years (after that, youngsters are more into sports, crafts, hobbies and "real-life" things). For each age level, he details the activity tested, what the child believes in and learns during play. For example, from 0 to 18 months, children are into manipulating objects and fitting things together. By observing and *participating*, you will know when your child has mastered these skills and is ready for the next level. Dr. Sutton-Smith has matched toys to the activities and enumerates games that parents can play with their child to help him get the most out of these toys. This curriculum, plus information on how and when (and when not to) get involved in children's play is contained in a comprehensive (and for many anxious parents, comforting) booklet, "The World of Children's Play and Toys," authored by Dr. Sutton-Smith and published by the Toy Manufacturers of America. Single copies are available free by writing to Toy Booklet, Dept. TMA-10, 200 Fifth Ave., New York City 10010. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope. Dr. Sutton-Smith and his wife, Shirley, themselves the parents of five children, have also written *How to Play with Your Children (and When Not To)* (Hawthorn, $8.95). The book contains more detailed information on playing and, what they feel is most important, being "playful" with children.

Matching toys to children is just one problem that anxious parents face when shopping for toys, especially during the hectic and emotion-filled period of the holidays. Most of us, Dr. Sutton-Smith says, are already overloaded with psychological and sociological theory and fearful that we're not raising our children correctly. Many of these fears are groundless. For one thing, don't worry about whether your child's toys are "educational." Certainly, there is evidence that toys meant to teach something can do so, but there is also evidence that toys used "just for fun" teach something as well. Dr. Sutton-Smith explains that the primary value of toys is to give the child a sense of control over some small part of his life, even if it's controlling a fleet of toy trucks or the menu at a dolls' tea party.

A variety of toys is important. Psychologists have learned that children who have different kinds of toys to play with seem to become more exploratory in later behavior. So don't stop Grandma and Grandpa, often blamed for buying "irrelevant" toys, from enjoying themselves by playing Santa, too. But do let them know what level Junior's up to this season (and what he'd like) and try to arrange for a good variety of playthings.

Actually, if it were all left up to Junior, he'd rather have Daddy's tool box or anything he sees his parents actually using. The problem with this is safety (real tools can and do hurt) and the trauma involved when Mommy has to take back the pots and pans to cook dinner. (Besides, who wants to eat stew from a pot that held a delectable meal of mud-pie meatballs only hours before?) So playthings that look and work, as much as possible, like the real things are always a safe bet for confused toy buyers.

A hot issue in some homes today is "boys' toys" vs. "girls' toys" and who should play with what. Parents fear that traditional toys reinforce traditional sex-role stereotypes and they'd like their children to grow up without such prejudices. Again, much of this fear is needless. The influence of parents and other adults or older siblings on a child's behavior is much greater than any influence toys may have. Most important is the way parents play with children and the attitudes transmitted through this play. (This is as true for play with toy weapons, another tabooed group in some homes, as it is for play with dolls.) There is evidence that girls who play with boys and boys' toys tend to be more successful professionally in later life. This is because they find it easier to adapt once they're out in the "real" or what some feel is a male-oriented world.

And don't feel guilty if you haven't the time to make "homemade" toys. Who does? Although manufactured toys provide no great advantage to children, they do save time and effort for Mom and Dad. Furthermore, not many parents can fill a request for a bionic superdoll, this year's big seller, without resort to the toy store.

But again, it does not pay to push any kind of toy on a child. Parents should provide equal access to all toys (this includes letting boys play with dolls) and not make the child feel confined to any kind. Dr. Sutton-Smith and (*Continued on page 16*)

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his wife bought "boys' toys"—trucks, trains, etc.—for their six-year-old, Emily. The toys are still "untouched—sitting upstairs in a closet" because she scorned them in favor of her growing collection of 35 dolls. The trucks are ready to roll should Emily feel the urge, but the Sutton-Smiths believe that "parents may be best advised to allow children to go the way they want to. Certainly encourage girls to experience more variety in their play and play objects than in the past, but *pressure* nobody!"

DOUGH SCULPTURE

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until dough has a smooth, yet firm, consistency. Place dough in a plastic bag to prevent drying. *Important*: Don't use self-rising flour or your sculptural efforts will expand out of shape. ***This mix will stay nicely in a refrigerator*** up to five days. If the dough becomes dried out, a little water and some more kneading will bring it back to shape; if sticky, add more flour. To assure you the tools for sculpture are at hand, here's a partial list: fork, butter knife, spoons, skewer, holiday cookie cutters, cookie sheet, basting brush and wax paper.

Not every sculpture is made from a single mass. As in the basket pictured on page 10, frames will need attaching to frames. The means are simple: moisten both edges with tap water and press together.

Hardening can take place at room temperature (long) or in the oven (short: 325° to 350,° never higher). Once completed, colors can be applied and finally a coat of varnish. Obviously, the finished creations are not for consumption. One of the nice things about the whole process is the ease with which sculpting develops. No, it isn't as easy as cutting out paper, but it's far simpler than painting a watercolor or carving wood. Most beginners are able to turn out respectable "works of art" the first time they try. And it's fun.

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Collectors of Christmas memorabilia have turned increasingly to buying annual plates, both as investments and as interesting Christmas ornaments. Because of breakage or sentimental attachment, few fragile tree or house ornaments find their way into antique shops. Attractive new Christmas collectibles, such as silver or crystal pendants, medallions or bells, are available, some in limited editions. Assembling a series, especially of limited editions, can be both challenging and profitable, since the collection increases in value as the set is filled in. You can start your own collection of Christmas heirlooms with not only collectors' items, but with finely crafted crêche figurines, angels, music boxes or unusual tree decorations. One-of-a-kind items are available subject to prior sale.—SYLVIA SUNDERLIN

Adams Antiques, 405 Canton St., Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13699—Bing & Grondahl Christmas plates, most years from 1966 to 1971, $35 to $16; Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates: one 1953, $70; one 1954, $75; one 1959, $90; several from 1966 to 1976, from $35 to $13; Wedgwood Christmas plates: 1970, $15; 1971, $16; 1972, $19; 1974, $20; old glass tree lights in three shades of amber to hang on tree with wire bail, using short candle for light, $12 each; prices include postage and insurance.

Albatross Antiques, Box 597-HB, Oxford, N.Y. 13830—Berta Hummel 1976 tree ornament, childlike angel with lantern leading the Christ child, $4.50; first edition Ferrandiz Christmas tree ball ornament, carved and hand-painted wood, infant in cradle guarded by angel, $8; set of four small hand-blown, decorated Krebs tree ornaments—mushroom, snowman, Santa, church—$5.50; 1976 first edition Corning Raggedy Ann & Andy tree ornaments, $5.90 per pair; 1976 Haviland ceramic pendant, two girls with candles, $12.50; 1976 Reed & Barton silver-plate Christmas cross medallion, $13.95; first edition Gorham sterling Santa spoon, $10; shipping and insurance charges paid by firm.

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The Christmas Dove, U.S. Route 7, Arlington, Vt. 05250—year-round shop specializing in Christmas ornaments, decorations, paraphernalia; Ferrandiz carved wooden Nativity set, $318; 1975 and 1976 solid brass tree ornaments by Hestia, $7 each; wide variety of Swiss music boxes, some with Christmas melodies, from $18 to $450; Nativity sets of all types from $15; authentic Koestel angels, $6 to $85.

The Collector's Den, P.O. Box 1876, Rockville, Md. 20850—ample supply of 1976 Christmas plates: Royal Copenhagen, $16.75; Bing & Grondahl, $17; Wedgwood, $29.25; also limited supply of Wiinblad Christmas plates by Rosenthal, 1975, $145; 1976, $155; everything shipped postpaid.

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letters

This is a long-standing grievance, not only against your magazine but against all decorating and design magazines. Why can't you give dimensions of rooms you are decorating? For example, I am captivated by the designs in your latest issue, but without much measuring and figuring, I can't tell if I could adapt the designs to my own rooms. And that's what it's all about, isn't it?—Mrs. A.R., Geneseo, N.Y.

Whenever we publish floor plans the dimensions are given. However, you're quite right that when decorating stories appear, floor plans are, as a rule, not included. Yours is an interesting observation and we shall certainly consider it.—Ed.

Since I have been a subscriber to House Beautiful for many, many years and consider it the most prestigious of all magazines in its category, I was even more pleased to see the Alliance Museum Shop of the Indianapolis Museum of Art represented in the November issue.—Mrs. J.S.B., Indianapolis.

I was especially pleased by your article, "Emerging Artisans," in the September issue because you pointed out that our good results come from having much faith and confidence in the students. However, I do wish to correct your statement that we use only hand tools. It is true that I favor hand techniques in this school because they demand increased self (*Continued*)


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In the September issue of House Beautiful I came across the article entitled "A Debonair Mosaic of Design," which I enjoyed very much, particularly the mixture of old and new. However, I should like to draw your attention to the painting on page 71, the "bold abstract" in blue, green and red at the foot of the owner's bed. From your article, it appeared to have been painted by the apartment owner, but I happen to know that it was done by Artist Anita Sturm, whose work I have seen and admire.
—Ms. J.R., New York City.

books

■ Grapes in various forms shine forth from the covers of two handsomely giftable volumes on food and wine. (Dr. Gérard Debuigne's **Larousse Dictionary of Wines of the World** (Larousse, $12.95 until Dec. 31, $14.95 thereafter) is weak on non-French wines and seems to follow no particular pattern in the wines it does detail. But it is a lovely book and worthwhile for its explanation of many wine technicalities and terms such as *ample* or *bottle sickness*. Ruth Ellen Church's **Entertaining with Wine** (Rand McNally, $16.95) is a book any wine-beginner can enjoy and use. From years as the food editor and wine columnist of the *Chicago Tribune*, Mrs. Church knows of what she writes—and has drawn from that experience enough ideas, menus and recipes to last through a year's worth of entertaining.

■ **Encyclopedia of Interior Design and Decoration** by A. Allen Dizik, FASID (Stratford House, $15.70), is more than a reference book. Along with definitions and historical charts, the book includes decorating hints and concepts concerning color, furniture selection, lighting, etc., all clearly written for the layman to understand. In addition, there is a roster of professional designers with addresses. Order the encyclopedia by mail from Stratford House, P.O. Box 7077, Burbank, Calif. 91510. (California residents add 6% sales tax.)

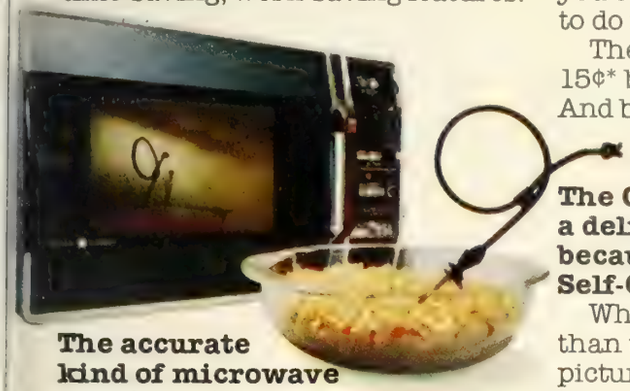
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■ Every household (including the happily married) should have the **Woman's Almanac, 12 How-To Handbooks in One** (Lippincott, paperback, $6.95) on the bookshelf for ready reference when a question, problem or crisis arises. The handbooks included are: The Health Advisor, The Sex Advisor, Motherhood, Education, Working, Your Own Business, The Money Manager, The Legal Advisor, Politics and the Community, Handywoman, and Simple Pleasures (belly dancing, ice-cream making, poker to win). Some articles may lead to direct answers (e.g., quick solutions to six car dilemmas) while others guide the reader to appropriate advisors (how to choose a lawyer, how the banking system works). This is the kind of book that offers women the promise of a healthier, happier and more competent life.

■ A Japanese potter of international reputation, Shoji Hamada, carries on a dialogue with Bernard Leach, an equally respected potter and writer in **Hamada: Potter** (Kodansha, (*Continued*)

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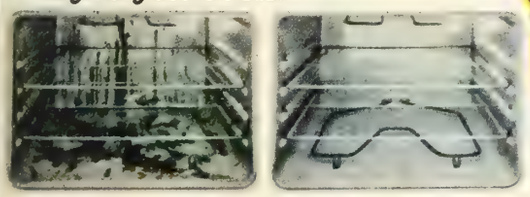
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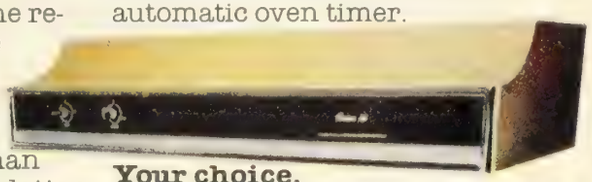
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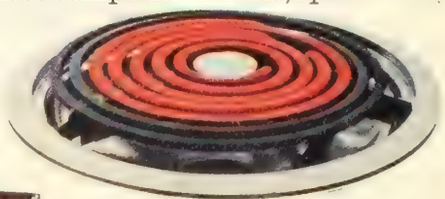


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■ Books filled with pictures of great houses require a dedicated interest in great houses. Accompanying text is often bland or overblown. **The American Farmhouse** by Henry J. Kauffman (Hawthorn, $16.95) is an exception. Embedded in the descriptions of farmhouses and outbuildings in New England, the Middle Atlantic states and the South are glimpses of our heritage not found in most history books. An intimate view unfolds of the Plymouth settlement in 1620, for example, and fresh insights into the Jamestown settlement in Virginia. Though without style, Kauffman writes clearly, allowing the historical facts to speak for themselves.

■ Can a small furniture manufacturer in the Middle West find happiness with some of the world's most sophisticated designers? The answer, as found in **The Design of Herman Miller** by Ralph Caplan (Whitney Library of Design, $13.50), is definitely "yes." This book records a slice of contemporary design history as it traces the growing pains of a furniture manufacturer who decided to break away from the safety of traditional forms to follow a new contemporary design path. The first half of the book details the firm's designs and its designers—Gilbert Rohde, George Nelson, Charles and Ray Eames, Eero Saarinen—who formulated the company's philosophy, marketing strategy and "look." Unfortunately, interest drops considerably in the second half, which concentrates on Herman Miller's "Action Office System," presently the firm's major business.

■ **Country Craft Tools** by Percy W. Blandford (Funk & Wagnall's, paperback, $5.95) is a decent, though not complete presentation of antique tools. Hundreds of drawings and 30 pages of black-and-white photographs help define the tools. British examples are favored somewhat in the text and pictures, but these aren't all that different from Early American tools. Interesting that a great many survive to this day.

■ **The Illustrated Cat** by Jean-Claude Suares and Seymour Chwast (Harmony Books, $10.95 hard cover; $5.95 paperback) is a gift book *extraordinaire* for anyone who keeps a cat. A picture book with pungent text and captions, the pages explore the feline's part in art, both comic and serious, from Pat Sullivan's "Felix the Cat" to Andrew Wyeth's "Miss Olson." Every page a delight.

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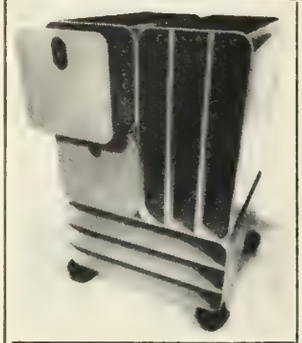
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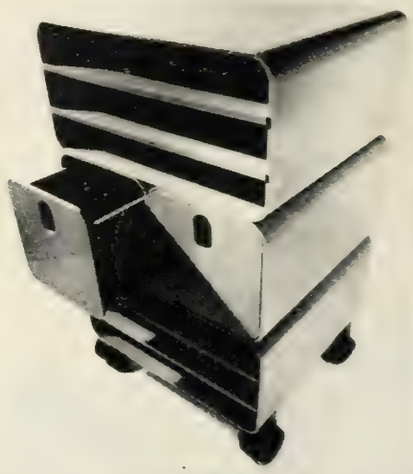
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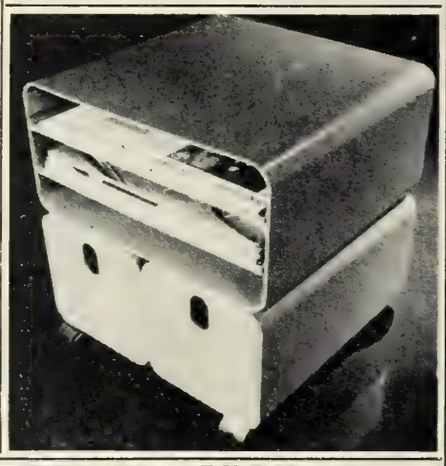
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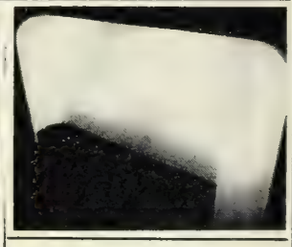


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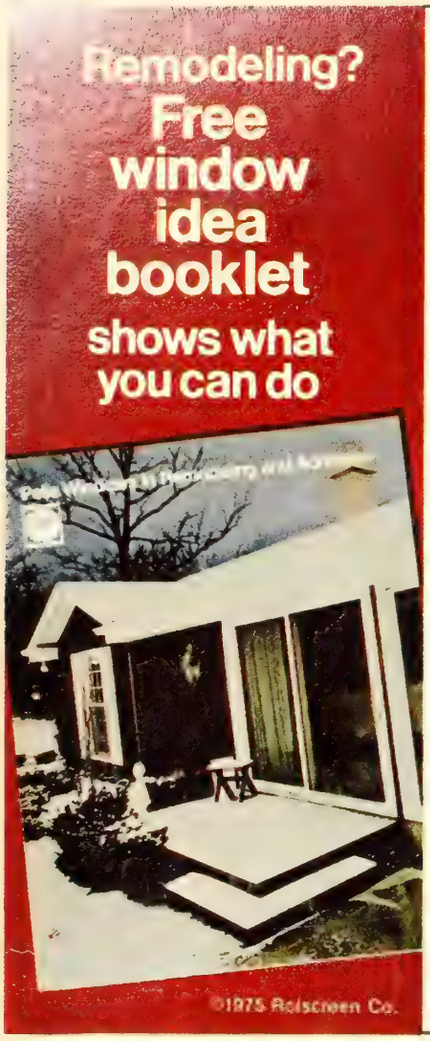
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The lady palm is a perfect companion for Oriental art objects and furnishings

Although there are numerous true bamboos that may be cultivated as house plants, they are seldom available, and even if they were, little is known about growing them indoors in containers. However, the lady palm is a bamboo lookalike that is easy to grow and frequently available from local plant shops. It is far more durable than the ubiquitous areca palm, but slow-growing and therefore considerably more expensive. ***The lady palm has class, however, and a healthy one with all-green leaves and little or no tip dieback is worth investing in,*** especially if you are a collector of Oriental art objects and furnishings or of simply extraordinary plants.

The Latin name for lady palm is *Rhapis excelsa* (RAY-piss egg-SELL-suh). It grows wild in the south of China and is a favorite potted palm throughout the Orient. A variegated form with white stripes in the green leaves has been reported, as well as a dwarf Japanese type that reaches maturity at 18 inches. But besides *H. excelsa*, the only form that you might find locally is *R. humilis* (HEW-mill-iss), the slender lady palm which is smaller and more graceful in all parts.

The cultural needs of rhapis, like most palms, are simple, the most important being adequate light and soil that readily drains excess moisture but is never allowed to dry out. ***As a house plant, rhapis needs bright light with a few hours of direct sun, especially in the winter months.*** Supplement weak natural light by shining one or two 150-watt reflector floods on the leaves six to eight hours every evening.

When the roots of *rhapis* fill the pot in which it is growing, transplant to a size or two larger, using a mixture made by combining two parts packaged all-purpose potting soil to one *each* of sphagnum peat moss and vermiculite. Water often enough to keep the soil evenly moist; avoid letting the pot stand in a saucer of water for more than a few hours. If the soil dries out severely, the fine feeder roots of rhapis will be killed and, while the plant may survive, the leaf tips will die.

Average house temperatures suit the rhapis, provided the soil is never dry, but a range of 60-70° F. is ideal in winter. Avoid hot, dry drafts. Humidity of 40% or more promotes the best growth; frequent misting helps keep the leaves clean. When fronds turn yellow and die, either from age or neglect, cut them from the stem. Yellow-flecked fronds with a lackluster appearance indicate the presence of red spider-mites; spray alternately with Dimite and Kelthane, lower temperatures and increase humidity □ *By* ELVIN McDONALD

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How do you store raisins?

Controlled, cool storage (40-50°) is best. This way, they will retain color, flavor and nutritive value up to 15 months. They can be stored in the freezer, properly wrapped, for long periods of time and will thaw quickly at room temperature.

What do you do when raisins become dry?

Cover with very hot tap water and soak for two to five minutes. Do not soak longer or they lose color and flavor.

How do you chop raisins?

If frozen, they can be chopped in the blender or electric food processor. Brush the jar or bowl first with vegetable oil. Chop ½ cup at one time.

Do you ever soak raisins in spirits?

Sure. Cover the raisins with whatever spirits you are using and refrigerate overnight. Drain off any excess spirits but save to use some other time.

How long do you age fruitcakes?

At least a month, but longer is better. Wrap the cake or cakes in several layers of cheesecloth soaked in brandy or dark rum. Place in a crock or kettle with a tight lid. Take a look every once in a while. If the cheesecloth has dried out, dribble more of the spirits over it.

Are green grapefruit or oranges ripe?

Most citrus fruits are subject to "re-greening," which means that they may lose color and revert to green, according to Cornell University's Consumer Education Program (N.Y.C.). The maturity of all citrus fruits is tested prior to shipment; a grapefruit or orange tinged with green is ripe and ready for eating. The use of artificial color, once quite common, has declined in recent years and both California and Arizona prohibit color. When color is used on fruit that comes from other areas, the skin is marked "color added."

Can evaporated milk and condensed milk be used interchangeably?

No. Evaporated milk is whole milk with about half the water removed; then the milk is homogenized (to prevent separation), cooked, canned and sterilized by heat. Sweetened condensed milk is also evaporated whole milk that has up to 40% sugar added, which preserves the milk without final heat sterilization. Evaporated milk can be used straight from the can as a substitute for cream; it can be whipped; it can be reconstituted by the addition of equal amounts of water, then used as you would use whole fluid milk. Sweetened condensed milk, which is very thick and rich, is used to make ice cream and other frozen desserts, lemon and other pie fillings, cookies, candies, drinks, etc. It has excellent keeping qualities, but as is true of evaporated milk, it must be refrigerated once it's opened.

What is the technical name for the nubbin of meat under the thigh of birds?

Commonly known as the "oyster," it technically is the loin, the equivalent of the loin in an animal. In the words of *The Oxford English Dictionary*, it's the "morsel of dark meat in the front hollow of the side bone of a fowl."

How do you use orange and lemon rind to perfume cookies and cakes?

A splendid idea comes from Richard Sax, a young chef friend who caters and writes about food: Grate the rinds of lemons and oranges before you squeeze them, then place the rinds in a brandy bottle with a little brandy and a little vanilla (the amount depends, obviously, on the quantity of rinds). Store and use to perfume cookies and rich cakes such as pound cakes. ■

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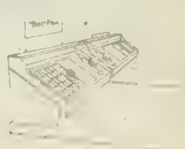
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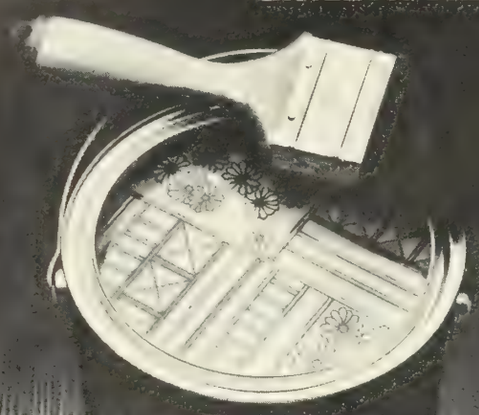


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THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL CHEF

THE BLUNT SIDE OF SHARPENING

By JACQUES PEPIN ☐ When doing a cooking demonstration, the first, unavoidable question is always: What kind of knife are you using? I inevitably answer: A sharp knife! The answer may seem divisive—and it may have been at times—but it is basically true. There is nothing more dangerous and more frustrating than a dull knife.

Yet, in the kitchen of the conventional housewife, there is nothing more frequent than a dull or blunt knife. Why? It may be because people do not understand the basic principles of sharpening. This condition has been aggravated further by the stainless steel knife and its subsequent success. Metal is extracted from stones and it is usually with stones, abrasive stones, that metal is ground and shaped. In grinding, the abrasive wheel is worked into the metal, a process reversed in the sharpening, where the metal is usually moved over the abrasive stone. However, the result is the same: to form infinitely small chips all along the cutting edge. The thinner the blade and the smaller the chips, the sharper the knife.

To understand sharpening, one should know a little about the different metals used for making knives. Iron is very brittle —and it rusts. High-carbon steel (the alloy old knives are usually made of) is hard and easy to sharpen, but will oxidize (rust) when exposed to humidity or used to cut acidic foods such as lemons or tomatoes. The more recent knives made of stainless steel have excellent resistance against corrosion and are much harder than high-carbon steel knives. The harder the metal, the longer the blade will hold its edge and cutting efficacy, but the more difficult it becomes to sharpen. A race follows between the blade and the sharpener, which must always be a shade harder than the metal it proposes to abrade. But man-made abrasives have no trouble sharpening the hardest knives.

To keep your knives keen, you should know about sharpeners. The degree of abrasiveness goes from the strop of leather used by the barber to give a finish to his razor blade to the coarse grinding wheel used to smooth the chips on blades of heavy farming machinery. Steels, which are metal-sharpeners, have a very fine grain and are used to give a super finish to an already sharp knife. Butchers and professional cooks use a steel constantly, giving the knife a few strokes before each use. However, when the cutting edge is really blunt, steels are inadequate and blade has to be 'thinned down' once again with abrasive stones that are harder than metal. A carving knife-sharpener made of silicon carbide, shaped like the butcher's steel, is perhaps easier for the inexperienced to use.

We are, though, far from the old soft sandstone and emery wheels used by itinerant sharpeners who used to travel the streets of the cities. In 1891, Dr. Edward Goodrich Achison invented silicon carbide, the abrasive carborundum that stones are made from today. There is a great variety in grit size and sharpening action of the stones available on the market, but there is no substitute for a slow hand-sharpening job.

The larger the stone, the better it is, so it does not slide or move under the pressure applied to the knife. Draw the blade at a 25-30° angle diagonally across the stone, beginning at the heel and ending at the tip. Repeat on the other side to sharpen evenly. Continue rhythmically the same motion until the blade is sufficiently sharp. Start with a coarse grit and finish with the finest grit. In buying a sharpener shaped like a butcher's steel, make sure it has a good finger guard. Technically, abrasives like carborundum material are classed as ceramics and most ceramics are good sharpeners.

I remember seeing the captain at La Tour d'Argent in Paris giving his knife a few strokes on the rough edges of an upside-down porcelain plate before carving the duck. He was so right, as nothing is worse than trying to carve in front of an audience with an uncooperative knife.

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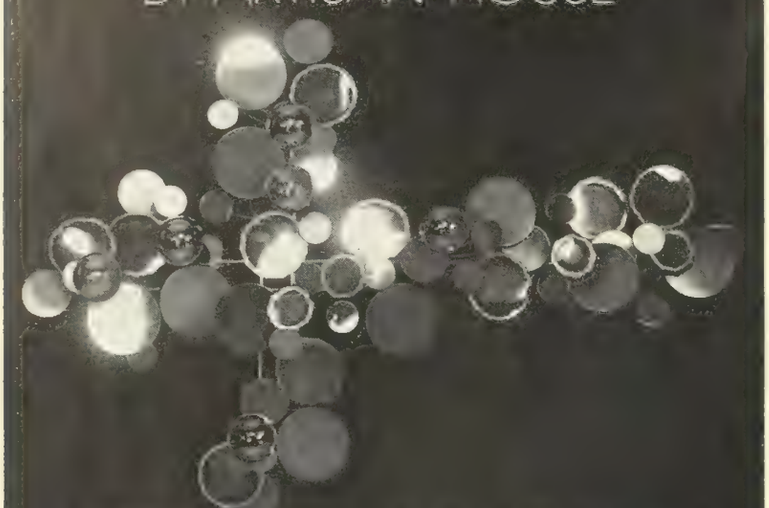
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FOR SONG & COLOR, INVITE THE BIRDS TO YOUR YARD

By GENE G. STOUT □ Birding —or bird-watching—is now the most popular of all wildlife-based activities. Where formerly only a few dedicated amateur and professional ornithologists eagerly sought out our nation's 800 or so species of birds, today approximately 25% of American households are involved in bird-watching, for serious study or simply the self-satisfaction and the enjoyment found in observing members of our wildlife heritage in their day-to-day activities.

The gem of bird watching is that you can participate to any degree you wish. Thousands of Americans spend vast sums of money and time searching the continent to add to their "lists" of birds, but many more millions are thrilled just staying home and watching jays and cardinals using feeders in winter.

Birds, like all animals, need cover, food and water for survival, and the key to attracting birds to your yard is understanding these requirements.

Cover is frequently the most difficult to supply, especially in smaller yards. Cover is needed for protection from inclement weather and natural enemies as well as to provide nesting areas.

The key to cover is "vertical diversity." Different birds prefer different heights, and the greatest variety of birds will be attracted to areas with a good mixture of low bushes and shrubs with larger trees. Also important is year-round cover. There must be a mixture of evergreen and deciduous (those that drop their leaves) plantings if birds are to find cover in t winter. In small yards, or yar with inadequate natural cov nest boxes can partially provi cover, but natural planting always preferred.

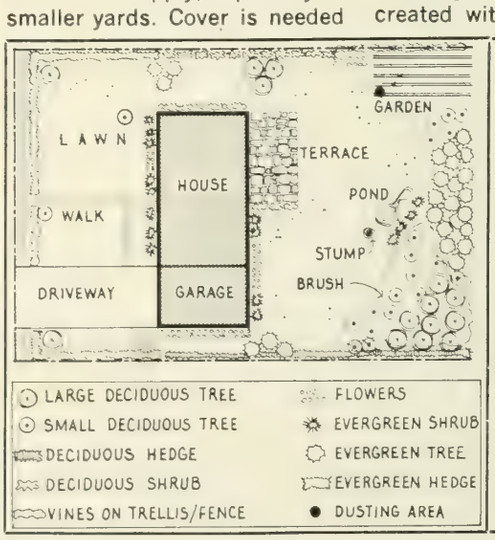
Food is closely related to c er, and the best cover vegetati will also provide food. The lo growing blueberry, the mediu height holly and the tall oa are examples of vegetation th provide cover with good "ver cal diversity" as well as foo

Food, too, must be provide throughout the year. Insects a needed in the spring and sur mer for young birds. Berries ar flowers are important warr

To appeal to the greatest variety of birds, have trees of different heights

weather foods, while seeds an nuts come into the picture i the colder months. A combina tion of late- and early-bloomin plants will also help insure constant food supply. Man food requirements can be me using artificial feeders, particu larly in the winter, but natura food growth is more economica and esthetically pleasing.

Water is perhaps the easies to provide since a simple bir bath will do the job. But, again natural water sources will en hance the total landscape as well as provide a basic avian need. Few of us have the luxu ry of a natural stream or pond in our yard, but these can be created with just a little plan-



This landscape plan, designed to please the human eye as well as appeal to birdlife, is based on a 1/3-acre lot with 2,100 square foot house. Trees are chosen for both ornamental and utilitarian values; food, cover and water are abundant. With exception of battery-operated watering system, it is almost entirely natural.

ning and maybe a small pump.

Now that we know something about the basic needs of birds, how do we apply this knowledge to our own yards? I am going to use the best of all possible examples by assuming that we have a landscape scheme that was specifically designed with bird watching in mind. Our example is a ⅓-acre lot (100 by 145 feet) with a 2,100-square foot house with a garage. This landscape plan is (*Continued*)



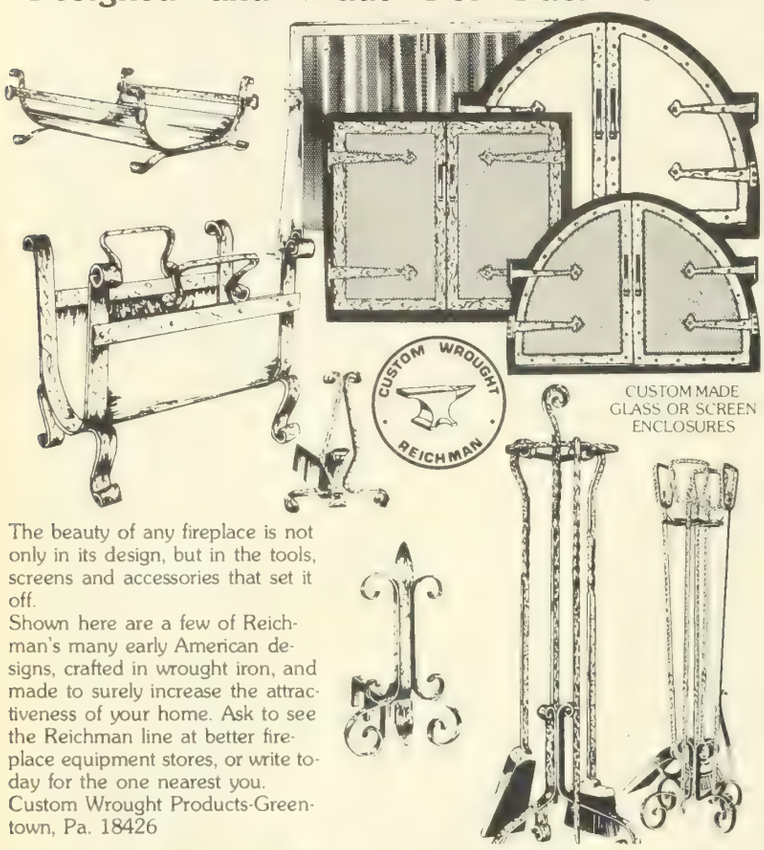
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attractive to birds and is also pleasing to the human eye. In fact, such a landscape plan will increase the value of the home, compensating for the cost.

The birds' water needs are met by using a small bowl-

A simple bird bath can offer water, but natural sources are more pleasing

shaped pond and a slow water flow down a short stream to a larger pond. This system is concrete-lined and pump-operated with a return pipe to recycle the water. The water is immediately to the rear of the lawn and close to all types of cover. This permits good observability but offers a variety of escape cover for the birds. A large stump (or rock if preferred) is located next to the pond as a perch for the birds using the water.

The taller deciduous and evergreen trees are placed near the borders to avoid blocking the view of the lower plants, where many birds spend much of their time. Smaller trees are placed on the sides of the lot, near the house and in front of the larger trees to the rear of the yard. Deciduous shrubs are along one edge of the terrace, on one lawn border and liberally mixed among the trees to the rear. As much as possible, this rear area is left in a natural state. In this "wild" area, the grass is left uncut, especially in the spring and early summer, when insects are needed for young birds. Dead leaves are left on the ground here to provide insect habitat as well as supplying natural fertilizer.

Living fences border the lot in the form of evergreen and shrub hedges and vines. From a bird's viewpoint, these are quite an improvement over the wire and wooden fences. The small trees in the front yard are chosen for ornamental and utilitarian values, since these are flowering trees that provide both beauty and bird feed. Small evergreen shrubs are planted along the edges of the house and near the water. Vines on a trellis adorn the side of the garage, flowers brighten the other three sides of the house and also one border of the rear lawn. Garden space is provided, with one corner of the garden filled with fine dust. This dusting area will provide many interesting hours of bird-watching as birds preen themselves in the bed of dust.

Food is abundant. All vegetative plantings have been chosen to provide both food and cover. Insects are found primarily in the taller grass and leaves to the rear of the lot and in the shrubbery and around the water. Birds that prefer open, park-like areas for their worm-searching will readily use the lawns.

The garden is another source of food. Several rows of small grains such as millet and milo are left for the birds, along with scattered sunflower plants. The small trees abound in fruits, berries and nuts, while the larger ones primarily provide fruits and nuts. Hummingbirds find nectar aplenty in the variety of flowers and flowering trees.

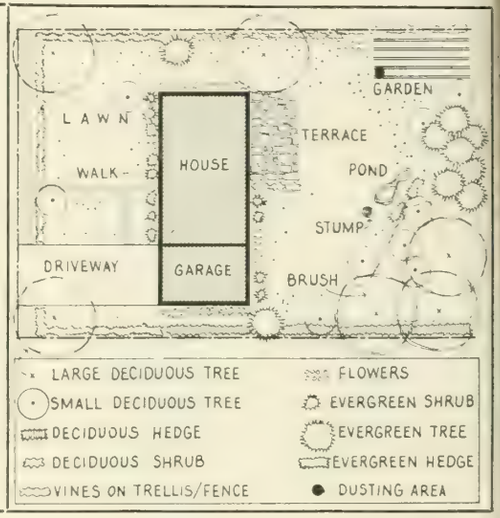
Aside from the watering system, this scheme is almost totally natural, though it may be further enhanced by artificial nest boxes and feeders.

Good landscaping will help attract birds—and increase property values

In the winter, the most enjoyable additions would be feeders in front and rear yards near the house. A few pounds of bird seed will provide countless hours of bird-watching enjoyment and fun for everybody.

When you have to mow the grass, set the mower blade as high as possible. This gives you a (*Text continues on page 41*)

For a lot where no vegetation exists but grass, start with a good plan. Plant more trees than you'll need, plus shrubs, vines and flowers that should produce food and cover within a couple of years. Immediately, provide food and water by artificial sources and plant part in grains and other items for the birds.



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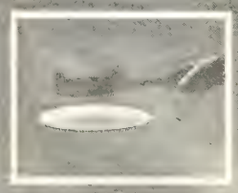
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YOUR YARD

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pretty lawn while it provides more insects and such for the birds. Be cautious when pruning hedges and shrubs. It is best to let them grow as close to the ground as possible. Do not prune any dead or dying branches from the trees. Woodpeckers search beneath their bark for worms and insects, and if the branches are large enough in diameter, birds will nest in the decay cavities. For some birds, a dying or dead tree is far more valuable to them than a living one.

Pesticides and herbicides should be used most judiciously, if at all. Many birds are highly effective insecticides in themselves, but if the insects they eat are carrying these chemical residues, you can expect adverse effects on your birdlife. Be careful about using sprays on your lawn and shrubs. You may be poisoning your birds as well as killing the crab grass and the insects.

Go back to the first illustration (*on page 36*), assume we have the same lot and house, but absolutely no vegetation on the lot other than grass. How do we start if our goal is a landscape that is attractive to birds as soon as possible, not 20 years from now? The single most important item is a definite plan. It is imperative that you know where you are heading before you start planting. In this next example I will assume the previous mature landscape (or something close to it) is the eventual goal.

Know where you're going before you start planting

Our second drawing (*page 38*) illustrates the initial plantings required to produce future maximum vertical diversity—and to attract many bird species the first year. Since the water source is artificial, it can be immediately installed. Hedges, shrubs, vines and flowers can be expected to produce food and cover within a year or two. The major problems are trees, particularly the deciduous ones, which generally grow slower than the evergreens. The key to producing mature trees is to plant far more than needed and periodically remove those that don't grow as well, so the best will grow at maximum pace. This landscape offers ample low cover, but the food supply is somewhat lacking, since fruit- and nut-bearing trees are absent. The garden is made larger, with more area planted in small grains and other bird-attracting plants to help compensate for this. Also, artificial feeders and bird houses would probably enhance this young landscape until the trees mature.

What if I don't have a half-acre lot or what if I'm not lucky enough to have any large trees in my yard?

Most homeowners are in these situations, and obviously the potential for bird attraction decreases with the size of the lot. Generally speaking, when you get below ¼ acre of usable yard, your chances of supplying all three basic bird needs in a natural manner drops a lot.

Since food and water can be provided through bird baths and feeders, the smaller your yard, the more you should concentrate on cover requirements. If you do not have trees now, it is time to plant them. Some bird-attracting trees have fairly rapid growth rates, and in a few years, your tree-planting efforts should reward you handsomely. Be sure to check on a tree's values for birds before you plant. Some of the most common shade trees have little value to birds.

One means to attract birds to a smaller yard is to develop a cooperative landscape plan with your neighbors. Two or three adjacent properties can be landscaped to provide the needs for many bird species for the benefit of all involved. Vacant lots can also be used. A few dollars' worth of seed and a little planting effort can easily convert an eyescore into a literal supermarket for bird life. Also, the uncut, taller grass of vacant lots will be used for cover and food, particularly if the grass produces a seed that birds like.

If you live in the heart of an urban area with only a terrace or perhaps only a balcony or window box, your potential is limited, but not totally lost. You may have to be content with bird baths and feeders, but unless you live very high in a building, you will probably be surprised how many birds practically come into your home to get the food and water. If you have access to the roof of a building, you might be able to install some rather elaborate bird (*Continued on page 45*)



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The maitre d' returns, bows once or twice and opens a Calon-Segur 1969. Do I send the bottle back?

Another evening, and we are at the Burgundian. The menu is printed and the numbers are smaller. Again we order a 1966 Calon-Segur. The captain returns with apologies and shows us a bottle of 1970, urging that we try it, promising that it will be at least as good as the 1966. What do we do now?

There are occasional sophisticates who will send back anything—to impress the maitre d' or their friends. We will pass over them gently because their problem has nothing to do with wine. The rest of us, reasonably secure among our friends, and unimpressed (although probably intimidated) by maitre d's, are nevertheless occasionally served a wrong bottle. When do we send it back?

Returning wine is a task so unpleasant that most of us prefer to suffer in silence, and that may be the lesser of evils. Still, there are some sensible guidelines to consider.

THE BAD BOTTLE: A bad bottle always goes back, simply because it is not drinkable. Usually it has a sour taste—a hint (or more than a hint) of acid. There is no reason to suffer through such a bottle, so you call the maitre d' and tell him. Maitre d's are not known for their charm and graciousness in such circumstances, but you're not at the restaurant to please the maitre d'. He is there to please you. Or at least that is always the way it's supposed to be.

The maitre d' will either replace it without comment or taste it and advise you that there is nothing wrong with it. That can be a problem, although, fortunately, a rare one. If it happens, you might say: "We have all tasted the wine and nobody at the table thinks it's good, but if you're certain it is, please ask the owner to come to the table and taste it. If the owner says there is nothing wrong with it, we will keep it."

This serves the purpose of advising the maitre d' that you are not the only one dissatisfied and that if he persists, he is challenging the judgment of four or six customers. Only a fool will persist, even if he is right. After all, the wine can go into tomorrow's coq au vin.

Alas, there *are* some maitre d's who will challenge you, and that is why I ask —albeit politely—for the owner. That request suggests to the maitre d' that even if *he* is willing to offend everyone at the table, the owner may think differently about it. The chances are favorable that the maitre d' will take the bottle rather than bring the owner, but even if he *does* bring the owner, it's O.K. Owners have more pride in their restaurants and their reputations than maitre d's do. Owners generally won't lie about something as trivial as a bottle of wine.

If he does lie, then my suggestion proves worthless. Put aside that bottle, order another one—and scratch the restaurant off your list. You've done the best you can.

There are those who will argue my approach is too passive. Don't ask anyone, they insist: If the wine is bad, send it back, and if the maitre d' objects, send it back anyway.

There is no answer to that argument except that dinner now has become a pitched battle. The maitre d' is at best coldly polite. You and your friends are at best irritated and anxious. It seems like an unpleasant way to spend two hours in a restaurant. Try it my way —it allows everyone to exercise a shade of diplomacy in a trying, possibly unpleasant situation.

THE WRONG YEAR: This depends on the type of wine. The year is quite important in French wines, France being subject to every kind of climatic uncertainty. It either rains too much or too little in Burgundy and in Bor- (*Continued on page 44*)

alon-Segur. The captain brings bottle, opens it and then shows s the label—which reads 1969. send it back. I'm always happy listen to alternate sugges- ons, but here I'm simply being aken advantage of. If the wine s to be substituted, I'm owed ne courtesy of my approval.

Don't ever believe that ou are at the mercy of hat the wine steward or naitre d' brings you. The ood restaurants always train to please. At Lutece, ne of the great restau- ants of the world, I re- ently ordered a vintage ort after dessert and my ompanion ordered a Cog- ac. We both asked which 'ort and which Cognac ney intended to serve, nd the waiter at once of- ered to bring the bottles. hat is the way it should ie done when the diner xpresses a particular con- ern about the choice.

Above all remember that t's the dinner that you ome to enjoy. You did ot come to take a final xam in vintage years. If ou become outraged over a bottle of red Burgundy, t might be fair to ask ourself if your reaction is ppropriate. Best to be ac- epting—for after a few glasses, the world looks etter and all the wine astes lovely. ■

YOUR YARD

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feeders and waterers. Birds are found practically everywhere, and especially if there is a park nearby, you might be truly amazed at the variety of birds that are attracted to your feeders and waterers.

Unfortunately, I cannot provide a listing of the specific grasses and shrubs and trees that are preferred for food and cover by birds. The list would be almost endless when you consider the great variety of habitat types across the country.

Individual plantings to be used in your landscape plan must be selected for your particular climate and soil type. For example, your evergreen trees might include cedars in the South, hemlock in the Northeast, Douglas fir in the Northwest. Fortunately, there are several ways to obtain professional help. A landscape architect, the Soil Conservation Service, state wildlife department, local nurserymen and the bird societies may all offer technical help. I also highly recommend two pamphlets that can be ordered for a nominal fee: "Invite Wildlife to Your Backyard," 25 cents, National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and "Invite Birds to Your Home," 75 cents, Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. 20402. (Send check or money order; no stamps.)

And I must warn you: Birding is highly contagious. It all starts with a book on the identification of birds. Next come the binoculars, followed by the camera, telephoto lens, tripod, etc., then books on the life histories of birds. Finally you start your "list" of birds observed. You'll be hooked for life—but you'll love every minute of it. ■

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Each twelfth-month the calendar bids us pause — Christmas is once again upon us and our thoughts turn to preparing heart and hearth for celebration of the day's sacred and secular glories, ever maintaining a meaningful balance of the two.

It's our belief that the dichotomy of the spiritual and the temporal is intertwined, not irreconcilable. And while we cannot offer you guidance in the former, we hope we can prove helpful with the latter.

Thus we have gathered together in this issue a full stocking of festive ideas. If one or all prove useful, we'll be greatly pleased. It's our way of wishing for you and to your family a marvelous, merry holiday, one filled with

...the magic of Christmas

3 DESIGNERS DECK THEIR OWN HALLS FOR A FAMILY CHRISTMAS





CARLETON VARNEY makes Christmas a wonderful hodgepodge time

Editor JACK MACURDY ☐ "We always make Christmas a wonderful hodgepodge of everything bright and glittery and fun," says Carleton Varney. The designer and his wife, Suzanne, whose wedding anniversary is Christmas Day, celebrate with Nicholas, five, and Sebastian, their one-year-old, in their 18th-century Hudson Valley farmhouse. They'll have the Christmas jump on most of us because theirs is a working tree farm with 45,000 assorted firs to choose from. Christmas Eve is tree-trimming time and a major moment. Out come the ornaments collected over the years, each showing up like an old friend—the umbrella from the Varneys' wedding cake,

Christmas Eve is a major moment—time to trim the tree with ornaments that are like old friends, time for story-telling by the fireside

Nicholas's favorite Snoopy, an old clothespin soldier, ad infinitum. The sequined felt bird, an acorn angel wreathed in husks and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (*bottom left*) are by Ruth A. Davis of the Art Colony at the Greenbrier Hotel, where Varney is design consultant. The tree shimmering, candles lit and fire ablaze, it's time for a cozy story-telling and last-minute gift-wrapping (*right*) in a room that's a comfortable mix of beige and clay-pot colors, chintz and English antiques. Most of the artifacts are American. See a framed collection of arrowheads above the sideboard (*left*), where eggnog welcomes drop-in visitors. Kam Biu Yeung, the Chinese houseman, adds edible trim with Christmas cookies (*above*) in colorful holiday motifs.







BILL HELMS







"We always have a great Christmas morning breakfast in the kitchen... we're country people"

Christmas Day festivities start early at the Varneys'. They gather around the tree in the living room to open their presents and then it's everyone into the kitchen for a thumping feast of pancakes and smoked bacon. "We always have a great Christmas morning breakfast in the kitchen and take our time over it, and afterwards we go out together and walk in the mountain. This works up an appetite for a four o'clock dinner. We live like country people when we're on the farm." For the festive breakfast, the country kitchen is seasonally decked out with greens and ribbons, curtains tied back with fragrant pine boughs, one wall hung with the glitter of sleigh bells and a basket of rosy apples polished to the sheen of Christmas balls. Assembled (*above*) are the Varneys and the boys' governess at a table spread with an antique quilt and set with Heisey glass and Royal Copenhagen "Domino" china. Both china and glass are collections put to daily use because Varney is a serious collector of Danish ware and the American glass. The checked gingham wallcovering is from Carleton V. Ltd., his own firm. "Christmas dinner is a big event, but we're pretty traditional about it. Except that it's our own tradition to start the meal with oyster stew. Then there's the usual turkey—sometimes it's smoked—or it may be pheasant from our own woods." Scene of this event in their happy family day, the dining room, (*far right*) is lighted by candles and hung with ribbon-streamered pine-cone wreaths. The rocking horse is no seasonal whimsy; it's a museum piece of American folk art. Table is set (*above*) with antique Meissen, mixed with "Blue Flute" Royal Copenhagen china, which the Varneys collect. (They also own a cache of precious "Flora Danica.") The cloth was made from tartan plaid cotton and more of the colorful tartan is seen in ribbons trimming a collection of old service bells (*near right*) in the living room, where the grown-ups take coffee from a shiny brass samovar. "It's really just family time," Varney says with some poignance, because their third son, three-year-old Seamus, cannot yet be with them for this day. The Varneys are active volunteers in the program to help retarded children.

For the Varneys, it's tradition preserved, with the whole house beribboned, shining and fragrant with Christmas pine







2 GEORG ANDERSEN and his family keep alive the custom and the spirit of Christmas Eve in Norway

"Gledelig jul," say the five Andersens when they kiss each other on Christmas Eve. The house is polished and ready, the scent of fresh leaves and flowers mingling with the aromatics of pine and spruce. The tree is loaded with nostalgic trims and trinkets, heart-shaped baskets of nuts and candies, whimsies of straw and feathered birds and it may even be lighted with real candles. Designer Georg Andersen and his wife, Annabelle, are passing on to their children something of their Norwegian heritage. The quiet family celebration begins about 7 p.m. with Katrina, Kristian and baby Kirsten (*above*) dressed in their holiday best, ready to open some of their gifts, sing the old carols and listen to their father reading the Christmas story from the Bible. "Christmas," says Andersen, "is so very real to us. It is Christ's birthday." In the old-country Scandinavian tradition, decorations have a natural quality. The tree's heart baskets are hand-woven of paper and snowflake medallions were crocheted by the children's Norwegian great-grandmother. Birds of bright plumage (*right*) perch on tree branches. In north countries, Christmas is a harbinger of spring to come and so there's meaning to Christmas wreaths of fresh leaves studded with daisies (*above right*) in the family room, where more packages are opened after traditional dinner.

In the Scandinavian tradition, decorations have a natural quality, fresh flowers and greenery everywhere hinting that Christmas is a promise of spring to come













room is closest to the Andersen's hearts, burgeoning as it is with heirloom trimmings, ornaments collected over 11 years of marriage, trinkets the children regard as their personal property. But they trim other trees, too, like the live trees outdoors, which the children decorate with popcorn, seeds and suet for the birds' Christmas. Trees in the dining room (*below*) are ever-

The feast is set forth on a blanket of leaves bejeweled with Norwegian enamel

green pyramids hung with glittering balls and laced with shiny metallic ribbons, done with a restraint that bespeaks Andersen's decorating eye. He gives evidence to pride in ancestry in the shadow boxes on the dining room wall. One holds a museum-worthy Norwegian silver table crumber. Encased in the other are his grandmother's silver sugar spoon and a luster cup that belonged to his great-grandmother. "Christmas at home is over for this year when we celebrate Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning, we're off to the South," where the little Andersens have yet another Christmas with American relatives. In whatever clime they celebrate, the family has special cause for rejoicing this Christmas, because the New York designer has recently formed his own decorating and design company, called Georg Andersen Associates Inc.



"After we've opened our presents and heard the Bible story of Christmas, we have a traditional Norwegian fish dinner"

"I think it's good for American children to know the culture they've come from," says Georg Andersen, "and so we try to keep the Norwegian Christmas ritual alive. After we've opened our presents and heard the Bible story of Christmas, we sit down to a traditional Norwegian fish dinner." The customary meal is warm fruit soup and a heartily sauced boiled codfish with parsley-sprinkled potatoes and carrots. And there are always Christmas cookies, at least seven different kinds of them. Dinner is eaten at a table that's charmingly spread with fresh lemon leaves instead of a cloth (*above*) and centered with an arrangement of silver-sprayed artichokes and pine cones surrounding a blaze of fragrant lilies held in small, silver-sprayed baskets. All the tableware used on Christmas Eve, with the exception of the napkins, comes from Norway. Plates, in "Farmer's Rose" pattern, are a typical design, and the brightly colored, exquisitely made enamel work that Norway is famous for decorates the holiday table with festive brilliance in dessert spoons, flower-petal candle-holders and the jewel-like tops of salts and peppers. The Christmas tree that's in the living



3 STEPHEN MALLORY turns his close, family celebration into an effulgent feast of light and glimmering elegance

A certain continental elegance pervades this place, which almost makes you forget that it's a 19th-century Dutchess County barn restored by Designer Stephen Mallory and his wife, Jennifer. See them (*above*) in the living room with their daughter, Brooke, and their son, Christopher. Walls are stylishly enameled blue against the hand-adzed old wood and hung around the room is a set of four French 18th-century painted panels. Rugs are contemporary French tapestry weaves, their pale blue palette picked up in the pale linen chairs and draperies. There is Chippendale here and ormolu and fine Chinese ceramics but, says Mallory, "It's a very livable room and we specially enjoy it at Christmastime because it seems to welcome the color and dazzle and glow that are part of Christmas." The truth, we suspect, is that the designer's own sense of the fitness of things has chosen the right kind of color, dazzle and glow to complement the surroundings as well as to give them a playful seasonal theme

One spectacular, shimmering tree—or better yet, two spectacular trees can be the major, eye-catcher decoration







"We've collected so many ornaments that mean so much it takes two trees to hold them all"

Christmas is an intimate, close, family affair at the Mallorys', with the children's grandmother, who lives nearby, joining them for the gift-opening on Christmas morning. On Christmas Eve the elder Mallorys do the tree-trimming, no small achievement since they have two 10-foot trees in scale with the high-vaulted living room (*right*). "We have collected so many decorations that mean so much to us that it takes two trees to hold them all," says Mallory. "Besides, we love trees. Once, for a Christmas party, we lined the hall with 22 of them—we had a marvelous Christmas tree *allée* leading to the dining room." You will note that the two glimmering trees are tinsel-swagged spectaculars loaded with angels, snow children, stars, rocking horses and an acquisition of Christmas cookies (shellacked against the ravages of time). The trees are the effulgent highlights and the major holiday decoration. Candles and votive lights and fresh flowers fill in with glimmering light and festive fragrance and all of the bright wrappings and ribbons of the gifts are decorations in themselves. There's a marked absence of small, picky-scaled trimmings that are often lost in the shuffle because they are not assertive enough or in character with the rest of their surroundings. Seeing the tree ornaments again is a sentimental journey for the Mallorys and Brooke and Christopher. Most are souvenirs of their travels or the gifts of friends. A most treasured ornament is an angel. It used to hang on a grandmother's childhood Christmas trees.

Tiny votive lights lend an aura of shimmering romance throughout this grand-scale space









"Christmas day is our own family day, but over the holidays we may put out the latchstring with supper parties for friends."

At dusk on Christmas day, Stephen and Jennifer Mallory, Brooke and Christopher have dinner in their dining room. The traditional meal the children love, with turkey, two kinds of stuffing and Christmas pudding, is part of the ritual. "Christmas day is our own family day, but over the holidays we may put out the latchstring with a few supper parties for friends." The tawny, paneled room, accented in Christmassy red draperies at all times, is made even more festive when the earthenware jardinieres in each of its two niches are filled with Christmas trees, trimmed with bright glitter balls tied to the branches with jaunty red ribbon bows. Normally, these planters hold seasonal plants or flowers. What makes the Christmas effect special is the backlighting, which surrounds the red-shimmering trees with a magic

glow (*top left and bottom right*). Mallory, who is keenly aware of the dramatic power of cannily used lighting, has thus turned two rather simply adorned trees into objects of fantasy. Over the dining table, which we show set for a buffet supper (*above left*), a ceiling spotlight beams down through the candlelight of a Dutch bronze chandelier, glamorizing the whole dining scene, whether it is Christmastime or not. For a holiday buffet, the 18th-century English mahogany table (*above*) is laid with old English Oriental-design china and 17th-century Dutch sterling flatware, a Sheffield wine bucket holding the celebratory champagne. Dining chairs are rare English twig chairs. A bracketed marble serving shelf holds a beribboned basket of apples and holiday sweetmeats under a gold-gleaming ormolu mirror sconce that reflects color and candlelight. The whole setting is romantically lighted and shadowed by flickering firelight, because it is the Mallorys' joyful boast that the house has a fireplace in every room,

The house and its Christmas furbishments are all elegantly of a piece because everyday belongings are put to use as part of the decoration

including the dining room. The designer has not decked his halls with profuse trimmings for his family celebration. Rather, he has exploited the Christmassy decorative possibilities in existing belongings, so the house and its holiday furbishings seem all of one elegant piece. There are lessons here for all who are about to deck their own halls.



holiday magic all through the house







Cast a spell of wonder with a tree to delight every eye

A tree that fairly sparkles with memorabilia and the many handmade contributions of friends and family.

Every year, Interior Designer Noel Jeffrey and his wife and their friends get together for an ornament-making party. The results, combined with more trinkets collected from around the world, create a tree (*above*) that's a joyful jumble of old and new, the fine and handmade. Standing in the Jeffreys' red-and-gold New York living room, this striking array finds a perfect background. A close-up look (*above left*) shows some very handmade design signed by the maker: a folded paper replica of an old house; a tiny framed portrait of Queen Victoria (look closely) made to commemorate the 50th anniversary of her reign from the Jeffreys' wedding trip in England; an old print of a Jewish wedding now adorned with ribbon by Jeffrey. Note, too, the posy (*far left*) made of a collage of cut-out flowers by Mrs. Jeffrey, a fluffy sheep made by friends and lacy fan ornament by Jeffrey. Add Fabergé-type eggs, straw angels from Scotland (*above left*) and miniature pictures of friends, lace it with bows and beads and you have a

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Create a fantasy with sugar & spice

A fantasy land of gingerbread and candy that is good enough to eat and can appeal to the Christmas child that's in us all.

"It is an adult's escape into fantasy," says Designer Jane Cohler Ross of New York City of the elaborate gingerbread house she baked for her family. It took three weeks of evenings, but the results are what the holiday is all about: bright, gay, inviting and filled with fantasy. Entitled "Santa's Land," it's a prime piece of real estate made entirely of edible candy. The house (*right*) features candy cane columns at the door, peppermint steps, jelly candy-tiled roof, the dormer window topped with gumdrops and a chimney made of candy pebbles with cotton "smoke" rising (*below left*). In front of the hinged door (*below far right*), Mrs. Santa waits at the top of a candied walk surveying the activity on her front lawn (*below center*). Here, on the coconut "snow," two gift-wrap-ornament elves work on Christmas packages (foil-wrapped after-dinner mints) on a gingerbread work table. In baking, Mrs. Ross learned some useful tricks: She stiffened the dough with extra flour and overbaked it to dry it out so it would last longer, stiffened the frosting with extra egg whites to literally cement the gingerbread parts together.













Natural as the sea itself, with a tree tied to a legend

A gathering of gifts from the sea—both edible and ornamental—lead the tide of holiday entertaining in an urban family's striking, natural approach to the season.

A New York City apartment provides a background of contemporary drama for the holiday decorations of Designers Richard Ohrbach and Lynn Jacobson, both ASID. Tokens of the sea set a natural theme. In the dining room (*above*), an arrangement of white coral, variegated sea shells and ribboned candles fills the center of a round glass table, now set for four with china from Georg Jensen, silver from Tiffany and Co. and the whimsical touch of





shell-design serving spoons from Jenny B. Goode. A simple, yet so sophisticated motif, it is completed by four chrome-and-suede dining chairs—and assumes added importance from a large painting by Jeffrey Beardsall. Tonight, guests will serve themselves from a lavish seafood buffet (*far left below*): lobsters in a silver shell from Bottega

Inspired by a poem—and a personal collection of objects from the sea—a gloriously frosted table-top tree silently tells again the mythical story of the sand dollar and how this little sea urchin received its markings.

Veneta, sauce to spoon from a real shell, wine in a pair of Corning carafes. In the living area (*near left*), a small, frosted tree, bedecked with sand dollars from the extensive collection of Mrs. Connie McNamara, derives its theme from a poem, "The Legend of the Sand Dollar," which relates the markings of the sea creature to the story of Jesus. According to this old legend, one side of the dollar (*above*) shows the Christmas poinsettia, symbolizing the holiday; the other side depicts the Easter lily with a star at its center—the star that appeared to the Wise Men. The holes represent the nail and spear wounds of the Crucifixion. Break the sand dollar open, we are told, and five small chips are released, symbolizing the doves of peace. Under this unique Christmas tree are colorful wrapped gifts on a small chrome-and-mirror cocktail table, all the brighter against the room's monochromatic color scheme and spilling over into a giant Styrofoam shell.

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add a special delight to your tree

Needlepointed ornaments you work yourself can add a very personalized note to this year's fête.

Editor SUSAN GROSSMAN

The magic that can make one Christmas tree different from another lies in the special ornaments—especially in treasures that have been handmade by the owner, whether she keeps them for herself and family to enjoy or offers them as very personal gifts to her most special friends. These needlepoint ornaments and others are designed by Elaine Magnin and available to order as kits (including a hand-painted canvas and the wool). Prices range from $6 to $12.50. Those shown here are (*clockwise from the bottom*): Rudolph, a gift-wrapped

indeer; a caroler in mid-ng; mufflered boy with a ndy cane and a secret nile; gaily decorated Christ-as tree; a hobby horse in e softest pastels; a bright-wrapped Christmas surprise ackage; everyone's favor-e, Raggedy Anne; a trum-eting angel, heralding the hristmastide; lush poinsettia asket; a cardinal perched n a sprig of holly; Tiny Tim f Dickens fame and, in the enter of it all, a swashbuck-ing Puss 'N Boots, all set to ring storyland to a tree. For he details on ordering these eedlepoint kits, see Product nformation on page 34.

Storybook characters to bring out of the kitchen and onto your tree: a holiday crowd of colorful cookie people to display in many festive settings.



Christmastime is the time for flights of fantasy and what could be more fanciful than a population (*right*) of tiny, detailed "cookie people?" To go with them, there are animals, Christmas elves, Santa Clauses—only a small sampling of the many available are shown here—to spark the fantasy of holiday lovers both young and not-so. Hang them on the tree, line them up along the mantelpiece or use them to create a holiday centerpiece. These miniature ornaments are the products of the active imaginations of two children-at-heart, Dona Marshall and Kathy Ayres, who have multitudes more in different stylings and colors available for the asking at $5 apiece, including postage. Cookie figurines, though they are made of bread dough and baked, are not meant to be eaten, due to the paint and finish used to preserve them. For details on ordering cookie people, see Prod-

[illegible] information page 34.

BRADLEY OLMAN



Celebrating in the country: a mix of the casual & the elegant keyed to a festive note

A country Christmas dining room borrows a lush green look from a winter forest just outside for the tablesetting, walls and draperies. Boxwood, holly and a splash of "Papyrus" bring the outdoors in.

Christmas spent in the New Jersey weekend house belonging to Designer Chuck Winslow and Glen Lajeski is "very country, very easy, but very festive." The dinner setting (*above*) is a perfect example, with elegant gold gilt, hand-painted Spode china, tulip-shaped stemmed crystal and "Faneuil" sterling, all from Tiffany & Co., lending the dressy note to a leafy "Papyrus" print tablecloth from Cenci and the casual touch of big-bordered dinner napkins, each wrapped with a sprig of holly. The centerpiece, a flourishing miniature boxwood tree (*above near right*), now laced with Italian lacquered red berries and the pale coloring of Star of Bethlehem. Here, guests get a true feeling of the countryside as they sit in antique French country chairs (*below near right*) in a green surround of "Papyrus"—appearing once again in wallcovering and as trim for draperies.









Wood, sisal and a warm fireplace create the backdrop for a joyful Christmas around a holly tree in a lacquered basket.

In the living room, the basically monochromatic scheme of unfinished lath ceilings, sisal mat floor and pale wood walls serves as a quiet background for the bold use of greenery. What could be more fitting for the holiday season than a Christmas holly tree? This one (*above*), standing in a super-sized red lacquer basket, is adorned with an eye toward the natural, its own berries complemented by brightly lacquered berries from Italy and sparked with smallest white lights. All around it (*top*), piles of gifts add their festive touches with gay wrappings and ribbons and, here and there, the rustic touch of straw. A poufy tailored chair, a good vantage point for some tree- or fire-watching, echoes the "Papyrus" print of the dining area, very much in tone with the enormous wreath of exotic calathea and marantha leaves with an inner ring of boxwood by Renny—a wonderful emphasis to the hearth that forms the center of Christmas.

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This festive dinner party is arranged around a winter/spring motif of icy crystal warmed with garden roses.

Editor RUTH WEIL □ In a Manhattan dining room designed by Richard Ohrbach and Lynn Jacobson, both ASID, a rainbow of roses sets the theme, based on *The Legend of the Christmas Rose*, a poem by Florence Boyce Davis that recounts the tale of roses that bloomed in the winter desert at the first Christmas. The dinner setting (*left*) shows the drama of "King William" sterling from Tiffany & Co. with the cut crystal plates and stemware and crystal obelisks warmed by the bright plaid tablecloth, gaily wrapped favors and a single rose in each napkin ring.

The roses that recall the poem climb high on a tall Christmas tree, dip low to the gay array of presents.

Once again recalling the miraculous Christmas garden of the poem, the lush tree (*above*) is brought to bloom with armfuls of French silk roses—in red and pink and peach and brightly tinted bubble-ball ornaments from Austria, the whole setting off beautifully the drama of a solid red wall. Fancy gifts, carefully wrapped to echo the red-and-green motif of the adjacent tablesetting, are piled high under the "bouquet tree," proving—if there was ever any doubt—that Santa Claus can recognize a Christmas tree whether it's covered with snow or colored roses.

roses grace table & tree in a setting of gracious formality





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Bedecked with roses, set off by art, a vignette of sweets provides a festive treat for eye and palate.

In the living room of the same New York apartment, a small dessert buffet awaits guests (*left*), set up atop a low glass console picking up color from a pair of linen-covered benches and a colorful collage. Here, roses are, once again, in their glory—adorning a small tree at one end, in a lush bouquet at the other. Flanked by these on either side, the proffered sweets seem sweeter still: a bowl of poached pears with raspberry sauce, fresh strawberries and the richest Black Forest cake—these especially prepared by Dieter Schorner, who's pastry chef of Le Perigord Park restaurant in New York.

Fruits and flowers dipped in silver and gold bring magical Christmas glitter to a hearthside fantasy.

By the glowing hearth, Christmas is coming up roses, but in this living room, they are silver- and gold-dipped flowers made in Italy (*above*), festooning a frosted tree lavishly laced with plaid ribbon. A glittering garland of gilded roses and fruits leads the eye across a mantelpiece aglow with tall and short candles—standing like carolers in the snow—then dipping to a jar of silver-wrapped candy. Though the decor is decidedly formal, the mood is deliberately warm and young with rich red tones and dark navy walls to balance the coolness of chrome, crystal and a fanciful collection of Victorian jars.

'My Most Memorable Gift'

By ELVIN McDONALD

'What was the most memorable Christmas gift you have ever received?' That's the question we posed to notables in many fields, inviting them to share with us a cherished memory of the holiday. Some found it impossible to isolate one choice. Some declined due to the press of daily affairs. One optimist claimed he was "still waiting" but was certain he would eventually be qualified to answer. Among the many gracious replies were the following.

'When I dreamed of building St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, it was just that, a dream, for a long time. I set out to beg alms from well-known philanthropists, but each gave me the same answer: "Come back when you have something more concrete." Then I met Ed S. Miller, then president and now president emeritus of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union. I said no more to him than I had to the others and not one shovel of earth had been turned, but after conferring with his executive board, he presented me a check for $250,000. In financial terms, the gift was enormous, but the real gift was man's faith in his fellow man. Miller believed. That was the greatest Christmas gift I ever received'

—DANNY THOMAS

'A small Corona portable typewriter. Since I flunked penmanship every year that it was part of the grammar school curriculum, the typewriter also brought joy to my teachers. Soon I was hunting and pecking at a speed comparable to many a secretary. From that Christmas on, even my math homework rolled out of the typewriter'

—MALCOLM S. FORBES

'A dog given to me by a woman in Texas who is a friend and business associate' **—HALSTON**

'We didn't celebrate Christmas. Hanukkah was our holiday. If the truth be known, we were too poor to celebrate most holidays, but one I'll always remember. One Christmas day there was a gaily wrapped box from my father. Puzzled, I opened it and there was nothing inside it but a note. It read, "Dear Son, this note is the equivalent of 10 pounds of love. If you don't believe it, weigh it! I love you, Pop!" There have been many gifts since, a lot of them expensive, but that is the one I treasure the most'

—ALAN KING

'A bed pillow my first-born son bought for me with money he earned from his paper route. It remains a symbol to me of his appreciation that I worked hard and cared for him—and that he wished me comfort and rest' **—PHYLLIS DILLER**

'A calendar my daughter Marci gave me. I keep it on my bedroom desk and it reminds me of her every day' **—CALVIN KLEIN**

'During the Korean War, I was up on the front lines ministering to the troops on Christmas Eve. The sergeant in charge of the detail to help make the arrangements for my visit had been wounded on patrol the night before. He was paralyzed below the waist and was lying on his stomach, face down. He asked if he could see my face. I got down on the dirt floor, looked up into his face, said a prayer and a tear from his eyes fell on my face. I can still feel that tear drop, one of the most emotional, moving and meaningful Christmas presents I ever received'

—BILLY GRAHAM

'A Snoopy-like black-and-white stuffed dog that my sister gave me on the Christmas I was eight years old. When I wound him, he wagged his tail. I was so happy I began to cry and everybody believed I did not like him' **—ELSA PERETTI**

'The joy my husband and I felt when our son Nicky returned safely from army helicopter service in Vietnam in December, 1972. No Christmas gift was ever wanted so much or received with more thankfulness' **—RISE STEVENS**

'A compact my father gave me when I was 16. It has a map of the world engraved on it, accented with tiny diamond chips depicting the different ports we had sailed to on our ship, "The Sea Cloud"' **—DINA MERRILL**

'In the early days of radio, just after crystal sets were succeeded by units with audiotron tubes, my parents gave me a Magnavox. I can recall no greater thrill than receiving that set, which brought into our home a whole new world of distant cities.

'My favorite pastime was to put the radio on the sill of an open window and turn up the volume as loud as possible to find out how far the sound would reach. One day it traveled a block and a half. I know, as I received the congratulations of several people in Indiana, Pa. (who were aware of what was going on) for having set a town record'

—JAMES STEWART

GIFTS YOU COULDN'T GIVE BEFORE

A choice selection of the best and brightest of this year's new designs with something special to wrap for every special someone on your own gift list

Here is proof, indeed, that good things can come in packages of any size. **(1)** Elegant salad bowl in tarnish-resistant silverplate with a crystal liner; $160 at Carole Stupell. **(2)** The men in your life will love this sporty-looking plaid Lucite ice bucket, $16, and matching glasses in various colors, $15 for the set of eight; at Saks Fifth Avenue Guest and Gift Shop. **(3)** Contemporary Mark Cross clock is of leather and chrome, a perfect gift for home or office; $150. **(4)** Friends will use the "Photoflip" for displaying photos or recipes. Equipped with 24 panels, it displays two pictures at a time and is easy to flip; $16 at Lucidity. **(5)** The "Sea-Life Fantasy Server" makes a unique and useful gift. The shell is perfect for serving shrimp or other holiday treats and comes with 12 matching picks; $30 at Carole Stupell. **(6)** The stylish Takahashi porcelain in an Oriental design, nine inches high, $16.50 by Smith Tarletz. **(7)** Iron Mountain Stoneware's rustic-looking pitcher is ideal at barside or for displaying favorite flowers.

s seen here in "Peachbloom," unusual raspberry color; 5. **(8)** If your friends aren't t into needlepoint, these new)-it-yourself Pucci designs)m Amcraft Corp. might be spirational. The $25 kit in- udes full-color designs, Per- an yarns, needle and instruc-)ns. There are eight designs Pucci Boutique, Saks Fifth venue. **(9)** Flowery coffeepot, :eamer and sugar bowl in a ittern called "Alice" are in enby's "The Looking Glass ollection;" the coffeepot, $35; :eamer and sugar bowl, $13.50 ach. **(10)** Here's a crystal oil nd vinegar set pretty enough or any holiday table. With tainless steel holder, it's from he "Festival" holloware col- ection by Fraser; $35. **(11)** If ou're looking for the gift to lease the man or woman who as everything, consider these nchanting new soap dishes, n original designs by Sherle Wagner International. Top to)ottom: "Blue Ming Blossoms," 'Summer Garden" and "Chin-)iserie." They are $41.25 each, decorated by hand. **(12)** Each)late in this "Porcelaine de Paris" collection has a delight- ful and individual vegetable pattern. Set of six salad plates, $68 at Ginori Fifth Avenue. **(13)** An irresistible chrome- and-glazed calf picture frame from Mark Cross can be used either vertically or horizontal- ly. It comes in an 8 by 10- inch size for $100. **(14)** The Cy- bis porcelain "Felicity" basket, an American sculpture, is $325.

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GIFTS YOU COULDN'T GIVE BEFORE

(15) N.S. Gustin's cotton duck, polyester-filled checkers and backgammon sets roll up in tie bags; $18 each. **(16)** A cluster of candlesticks by Steuben Glass is a magnificent gift. Varied in height and shape; $750 the set of five. **(17)** Corning's series of "Creative Glass Floating Candles." The 12-hour wicks float and burn on salad oil. "Parlor Candles," $11.50 each. **(18)** Keep a friend up to date with this "Chronosplit" digital wrist watch and split-second stopwatch by Heuer; from $395 to $550. **(19)** The denim look is *now* in blue jean ceramics by Ben's Inc. Seven-inch cachepot includes a pocket full of tiny gardening helpers; $21. **(20)** Delight some single sybarite with the "Breakfast for One" coffee service, with oversized cup and saucer. By Porcelaine de Paris, $58 each at Ginori Fifth Ave. **(21)** By Bing & Grondahl, a handsome "Cordial" stoneware teapot will make a lively addition to any household; $24. **(22)** A new pattern of Lalique crystal stemware imported by Jacques Jugeat, these "Langeais" designs have frosted vertical ridges. Water goblet is $30; red wine, $24; pitcher, $110. **(23)** An amusing "Ostrich" cachepot with gray china feathers and an orange beak, $45 at Saks Fifth Avenue Guest and Gift Shop. **(24)** Three intriguing straw baskets from the jungles of Colombia, left to right: $15, $20 and $12. At Putumayo. **(25)** For collectors of Americana, Reed & Barton has reproduced Sculptor John Rogers' "Checkers Up At The Farm" in porcelain, a piece depicting the tale of a farmer who proudly defeats the country gentleman while his chagrined wife looks on; $95. **(26)** Handsome reproductions of Williamsburg designs in polished, lead-free pewter by The Stieff Co.: the pepper shaker, $23.50; salt, $8.25, and spoon, $3. **(27)** In a natural wood basket: Bendel soap, sponge and loofah, at Henri Bendel; $15. *(For more gifting, see page 101)*

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Editor RUTH WEIL □ "It's pretty big," says Connie Stevens of her 27-room house in Bel Air, Calif., "but it's just what I needed." The versatile singer-dancer-actress lives here with her daughters, Joely, eight, and Tricia, nine, and her father, who has his own apartment under the same roof. What pleases her most is that the three-generation home functions also as her office and studio. "My girls come first, and in this house I can work and rehearse and still have my family with me. I don't have to go out of the house, so they always have the security of knowing I'm close to them." The living room (*far right*) she designed with "a bit of everything" to make everybody comfortable, warming it with her favorite browns and beiges. The marble-faced fireplace (*right*) was specially built, because "I wanted a fireplace like the ones I saw in the movies when I was growing up in Brooklyn—solid and serene." Instead of having light-blocking curtains, she asked Debbie Vendermeer to create airy macramé hangings in the living room and in the Orientally flavored sunroom (*below center*). Chinese settee and chairs were auction finds; the bamboo table and stand are Victorian English with a Regency flair.



'a bit of everything'

TO CONNIE STEVENS, HER HOUSE IS 'JUST WHAT I NEEDED'



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"I love to dine formally; candlelight makes it prettier"

One handsome fabric in cream and blue drapes windows and covers walls and chairs in Connie Stevens' dining room (*left*) and the custom-made rug suggests the same patterning. The room has an English mannerliness, probably, she says, because she lived in England a long while and is partial to the leisurely grace with which the British take their meals. "I love to dine formally with fine china, glass and silver at a properly set table. Candlelight makes it prettier—and flowers, even if it's just one rose and a couple of daisies, make you feel good, even if you're only serving hamburger. I've felt this way since I was a child and I'm glad that my girls seem to appreciate this, too." She displays her precious cache of blue-and-gold Minton china on the sideboard hutch, combines it with Wallace's "Grand Baroque" sterling flatware (*below*). Here, at small dinners, she entertains her friends, personages from the worlds of the theater, music, politics and sports. Surprisingly, this gentle woman is also a fight fan and she never misses a major bout.





"The sofa is a replica of an English piece I saw in a picture and had made"

In the bricked wall between sunroom (*above*) and den/bar (and clearly viewable in either room) is a circular aquarium that was made to Ms. Stevens' directions and is home to a colorful school of tropical fish. "Believe it or not, I think that those fish know me!" The custom-made sofa is a replica of an English piece, which, in turn, was inspired by a French daybed. She has covered both this and the ladder-back Provincial armchair in a fabric that looked "just right!" An old English bar mirror catches reflections and an antique trunk is an end table. She is an ardent antiquer and auction-goer, and while she loves her busy life—"let's face it, I've got to earn a living"—wishes she had more time for scouting the market. The room, which she keeps filled with living greenery, opens to the outdoors. "It's a lovely place to go at night and view the garden. You really could fall asleep here and no one would ever notice you."



"My bedroom is closest to the way I like to live...a place where I can be myself... it's easy to live with"

The house has many moods because it reflects Connie Stevens' personality. "I can't sing for too long without acting, can't dance for too long without singing, and that's sort of the way I live," says the owner, who may be recalled as Cricket in *Hawaiian Eye*, has appeared in innumerable movies as the blonde attraction of love-struck surfriders and motor-cyclists—and is capable of turning from beguiling comic into serious dramatic actress. (Jerry Lewis acclaims her as an all-time pro performer; Bob Hope says she's his all-time favorite trouper and you'll be seeing her as guest star on TV's *Muppet* show.) "My bedroom is probably the closest to how I feel—the way I want to live. It's like a garden, full of mixed flower colors. It's a place where I can be myself—I have utmost privacy here, I can play my stereo, open the windows to the trees and the birds, sing and try my hand at script-writing, which is really involved with fantasy—personal dreaming—and no one is disturbed, yet the children and my father are not far away from me. And it's easy to live with." In this intimate, green-growing feminine room (*above left*), the outsize antique enameled brass bed is loaded



"Everyone seems to like this room...we spend most of our time here"

with cushions, skirted in eyelet embroidery. By the hearth (*lower left*), bergère chairs flank a pottery-based table and an antique porcelain pile-up of flowered, yellow-tasseled, *trompe l'oeil* cushions. The den (*right*), which has an adjoining bar, is probably the favorite gathering place of the house, close to the tennis court, the pool and the children's playground. Connie is a tennis buff and active player. The tented ceiling and tent-like effect of outside awnings give the room the air of an outdoor pavilion, which delights the children and the guests who come in from pool or court. There's a billiard table nearby and a fireplace Connie had built in. She also supervised the batik patterning of the valance and had the semi-circular sofa reconstructed, using the framework of an old sofa as base. The whole place is filled with music. "What with my singing and my work with a children's choir from a local church, the house really rocks sometimes and my youngsters think that every house is like this. They both take music lessons and put on little shows of their own. I'm the light man, and once my baby broke me up—she asked me if I would sing *Feelings* during intermission while they were serving punch and cookies to their audience."

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The 'Blue Denim' fixtures here are only one of the lively color notes in a sprightly kaleidoscopic mix

By JOHN H. INGERSOLL □ White bath fixtures are a safe investment. Any color goes with white, including white. That's been the conventional wisdom for decades, proven by the way white fixtures have been No. 1 in sales year after year. Buried in the fact is, we feel, a mistaken attitude toward colored fixtures, a fear that while colored fixtures may look delicious in the showroom, using them in the home may restrict decorating to a few shades one may not like later.

Most designers know that nothing could be further from the truth. To illustrate the point, House Beautiful editors teamed up with Eljer Plumbingware to design three different versions of one bathroom, all using Eljer's latest fixture color, "Blue Denim." On these pages, you see the first of three distinctly different treatments given the same bath with identical "Blue Denim" fixtures. Fresh melon, sunshine yellow and white dominate this version. Because of their own lively

For decades now, white has prevailed as the essential 'non-color' for fixtures, a choice that has always proved safe—but often boring

nature, these colors bring out the sprightly side of each blue fixture. The mixture of colors in the "Royal Stripe" towels and bath rug by Fieldcrest and the weave of "Macoco" vinylized paper by Quadrille set the zestful pace. Then they are set off themselves by the cool white Corian counters and tub surround and highly definitive black/brown vinyl "Cordoba" floor tiling from Amtico. A handsome half-round fan window of ponderosa pine was chosen to bring in light while preserving privacy, as well as to complement the curving trellis atop the divider, made from two-inch wood framing and clear acrylic shelves.







3 SMART BATHS

imaginative decorating changes



FROM ONE PLAN

the space from identical to individual



2 Reversing a classic bathroom duo, this plan in blue on white shows also the impact of showcasing bath & beauty aids in glittering glass jars

The arched trellis adds visual interest—and expands needed storage space

Against a sea of white (*above*), Eljer's "Blue Denim" fixtures shine, the potency of the color at its peak. White shimmers from American Olean's textured "Tuscany Cloud" ceramic tile on floors and walls; from the Williams vanities and, as before, from the DuPont Corian countertops and tub surround. Punches of brilliant blue glimmer through the Blenko glassware, used variously for potions, astringents and live blossoms. Then, as a purposeful contrast for the blue and white, we selected Fieldcrest towels striped in sand, suede and sable tones, from the "Royal Velvet" collection, with bath rug to match. And in a carefree woven basket behind the tub, there's a clutch of washcloths in soft peach. In each version, the custom-made wood trellis was painted to match the prevailing color; here it's in white. The trellis is an interesting decorative note in itself: First, it is a decorative addition to the total look. Second, its polycast clear acrylic shelves store a substantial supply of towels, facecloths, potions or (*as at right*) electric grooming equipment. Together with space beneath the vanities and on the ledges behind the tub, this bath has far more storage than in a normal one its size, seven by 10 feet. Third, the trellis is also a divider, offering some privacy for the tub, toilet and bidet. The amount of privacy afforded depends, of course, on the number of towels and accessories one stores on the shelving. This is a divider that adjusts to current storage needs and personal whims.

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Red, white & blue—another traditional idea creates an exciting bath in a flourish of glistening acrylic panels

Finally, in our third version, a glistening red bit of bravado on the walls charges the room with flair, subduing but not washing out the beauty of the "Blue Denim" fixtures. Red panels and the white divider strips are custom-cut from Polycast acrylic and cemented to the wall. Reflections of blue flow softly from the Cerulean blue bath carpeting and towels from Fieldcrest and the trellis framing. Light for the bath is shed evenly, becoming more intense as needed. For example, theatrical-style fixtures by Virden over the vanities are stylish, out of glare range and quite functional. A ceiling strip of light over the trellis (*lower right*) filters light through clear acrylic shelving and provides the general illumination. And in the background, above the platform

In all versions of the plan, lighting is designed to provide over-all illumination and give light for specific activities

behind the tub, is a NuTone Heat-a-Ventlite, which serves as a reading lamp for the tub and toilet, as well as providing heat and a fan ventilator. Fixtures selected were Eljer's new "Carousel" lavatories, along with a "Naples" tub, "Barcelona" bidet and "Silette" toilet. Track for the flounced "outside" curtain for the tub is by Kirsch. Even so small an item as the clean acrylic knobs on the base cabinets (by P. E. Guerin) add glisten to the total scene and help produce a pleasant bathing environment. Ample space within the cabinets is provided for medicines, etc., and, if necessary, the cabinet doors could be fitted with a lock.

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A SAMPLER FROM THE HOLIDAY KITCHEN

By HELEN McCULLY and LINDA B. DOWNS

In our imaginings, the holiday kitchen is in all ways a wonderous place that overflows season-long with the sights and aromas of good things to eat and drink. In reality, we rarely have the time—or start early enough to make *all* the glories we'd like. But from this Yuletide sampler, perhaps you'll find many ideas to help you say Merry Christmas this year.

THE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE WILL PROBABLY always be one of the most traditional (and practical) ways to entertain large groups. With concerted planning, your open house can be one of your most successful parties this year. If space is less than mansion-sized, divide your guest list into interest groups and invite one group for one time period, a second group for a later time. Space out your serving tables, too—to keep people from bunching up in one spot and to let you use different kinds or styles of serving accessories. If you don't have a built-in bar, think about turning the kitchen into a well-arranged party bar—with white wine and all the normal spirits and mixers, of course. Starting on page 92, you'll find seven hors d' oeuvre recipes and a punch that would be welcome at any holiday event.

THIS MIGHT BE THE YEAR, too, to create your own spectacular frozen punch bowl. Directions are on page 88.

A LOVELY WAY TO ENTERTAIN on a smaller scale is to have a desserts-only party some evening. You can offer an array of holiday sweets or serve only the rich Nussroulade and Nectarine Kuchen on pages 95 and 96. With its chocolate glaze, the Nussroulade is best served with coffee (wine and chocolate do not mix), although you might offer liqueurs afterward. The unusual Nectarine Kuchen would, like many traditional holiday cakes, be handsomely mated to a lush dessert wine. Your wine merchant should have a selection of Sauternes or German Ausleses (look for the 1971) to choose from; other choices might include the Hungarian Tokay Aszu, the Hudson Valley Wine Co. Haut Sauterne from New York or the Christian Brothers Chateau La Salle, Wente Bros. 1973 Johannisberg Riesling Spatlese, Angelo Papagni Muscato d'Angelo or Sonoma Vineyards 1974 Special Late Harvest Johannisberg Riesling from California—and any of the dessert sparklers you'll find listed on the next page.

YOU'LL SEE CRANBERRIES IN THE MARKET at other times, of course, but they are still most closely associated with this time of year—and the three cranberry drinks on page 96 can be colorful offerings to serve while you're stringing cranberries and popcorn to festoon your tree.

"IN EARLY TIMES," WRITES ELIZABETH CRAIG in her delightful 1951 book, *Court Favourites* (now out of print), "the carving was done at Royal feasts by the most distinguished male person present, the King of course excluded. But in later years a 'Kerver' was appointed" who was expected to "be a person of equable temper, pleasing and civil, scrupulous as to the care of his person. In appearance, he should be grave and dignified, not given to unpleasant habits, such as yawning, sneezing, twisting his mouth, or scratching his head. He ought to be able to divide the viands to suit the taste of all present."

MS. CRAIG'S BOOK, A COLLECTION OF ROYAL RECIPES, menus and cookery hints taken from a scrapbook kept by Queen Victoria, also contains such Yuletide notes as the fact that five swans were sometimes roasted for the royal Christmas dinner in the time of Charles I, that James I is supposed to have substituted turkey for boar's head at Christmas feasts and that Edward VII preferred his plum pudding moistened only with eggs and ale or beer instead of brandy. Mincemeat pies were a part of the celebration for generations—often along with pies filled with seagull meat, larks' tongues or snails—and Ms. Craig includes an "Ancient Recipe for Mincemeat" dated to around 1702. We suggest you save your time and effort, though, and use commercial mincemeat for this year's pie.

IN CASE YOUR CARVER (or guests) should leave a little of the feast on your tablecloth, be sure your pre-Christmas shopping list includes a good spot-lifter. There are many on the market, by such names as Spray 'n Wash, K2r, Grease Relief, as well as the pre-soak powders. (Check package directions to choose the one best for your cloth). A quick at-the-table treatment for spilled red wine is to dab the spot with white wine or to cover it with salt. For cranberry sauce or berry juices, sponge with cold water, then pretreat or spot-lift before you wash.

NO TIME TO CREATE A COMPLICATED CENTERPIECE? Take a large glass or crystal bowl and fill it with vari-colored Christmas balls, piled into a pyramid, starting with the largest size and ending with the smallest. Surround the base of the bowl with holly. Or top a bed of greens with a row of ripe apples, pears, bananas and grapes. Then end your Christmas Eve dinner with Stilton cheese, Port—Croft's Fine Ruby is a pleasant, widely available choice at just over $5—and walnuts and let guests help themselves to the fruits. If you'd rather, use only big, juicy red apples, for merry Christmas color and perfect accompaniment to the Port and cheese—and plan to use the rest of the fruit for our Christmas breakfast Glazed Apple Rings. (You'll find the recipe on page 97.) Or give your Christmas a tropical theme: New York's Salnet Produce Co. decorates its window at Christmastime with a (*Text continues on page 92*)

IN THIS SECTION

- HOLIDAY SPARKLERS
- THE MICROWAVE KITCHEN

Holiday sparklers at all prices!

champagnes & glasses to fit every party budget

Editors LINDA B. DOWNS *and* MOLLY SIPLE □ ***This holiday, any holiday, any time, Champagne still reigns supreme as the wine of celebration, of special occasions and memorable events. In wine tradition, only that sparkling wine from a particular region of France is accorded the name Champagne, never to be served in a shallow, saucer-style glass, always rather pricey. But there are other options (and U.S. vintners don't hold to that convention, anyway). In this list of personal choices for the best buys in seven price categories, we have included visually appealing designs from the many styles of "Champagne glasses" available, as well as sparkling wines from all over the world, to uncork at many different entertaining times. Any item near the top or low end of its price range may slip into the next group in some areas; pre-Christmas sales could make them even better buys. All offer true dazzle—this Yuletide and beyond.***



UNDER $5

Unfortunately, most of the low-priced sparkling wines taste like sweet, yeasty grape juice. But these three you should find pleasant: our American selection, Lejon, an all-purpose bubbly from California; our import, Le Baron Maurice, a super value that's just under $5; for desserts, Gallo California Champagne, sweet and grapey in the Asti tradition. In stemware, the range is good and strong, as seen in these four choices, from the left: Colony's floral-pattern "Lily of the Valley," a Champagne glass in classic flute shape by West Virginia Glass Co., the Cristal D'Arques "Louvre" design, through J.G. Durand, and one flaring, hollow-stem lovely by Riekes-Crisa.



$5 TO 8

Several favorites from a long list of praise-worthy candidates: From California, the Christian Brothers Brut, Mirassou Brut, Hanns Kornell's Sehr Trocken; from New York, Great Western Naturel, Gold Seal Blanc de Blancs; from abroad, Bouvet Brut, an excellent Saumur, Carmel's 1776 from Israel, Spain's Cordorniú; for desserts, Calissano Asti Spumanti, Christian Brothers Extra Dry, Hudson Valley Blanc de Blancs. For sparkling reflections, from the left: "Refraction" from Carole Stupell, Colony's "Joy" design, "Tango" by Schott-Zwiesel.



$8 TO 10

All generally available but not in every shop, each of these is worth a search: Champagne Ayala, a classic from the Champagne region, the Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs and the Beaulieu Vineyard Private Reserve, from two of California's finest firms, and, for dessert, Schramsberg's Crémant. For exquisite glassware you should find everywhere, look for (from the left): Gorham's finely scaled "Crown Point," the delicate "Bel Canto" by Lenox, Imperial's bubble-stem "Candlewick."

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$10 TO 15

For roundness with elegance, our nod in non-vintage Champagnes is to Veuve Cliquot, with the Pommery and Möet Extra Drys and Möet Demi-Sec for desserts. For large parties, we give a special mention to Kriter in magnum; for glassware beauty in traditional or modern styling, see (from the left): Fostoria's slender "Navarre," Ebeling & Reuss' radiant "Raindrop" and Orrefors' shapely "Column."



$15 TO 20

Bollinger R.D. is a prize specialty from one of Champagne's best-known houses, a vintage sparkler that's given extra aging before its sediment is removed. But while our taste always favors such fuller-bodied examples, we would note that your guests should enjoy any of the "big four" classic Champagnes that are the most widely distributed in the U.S.—Möet, Mumm's, Piper-Heidsieck and Laurent Perrier. Three glasses to delight any Champagne connoisseur, from the left: "Mars" by Villeroy & Boch and Baccarat's "Provence," both with gently curved bowls rising from distinctively rounded stems, and the contemporary "Cerdagne" by St. Louis Crystal, through Jacques Jugeat.



$20 TO 25

Perrier-Jöuet's Belle Epoque is readily recognized by the Art Nouveau-style roses decorating the bottle. What's inside is even more impressive—for it is a Champagne that is a wine with character and flavor as well as sparkle. The glassware here evokes two different moods, yet each is a superb expression of artistry in crystal: at left, the unusual swirl patterning of "Latticinio" by Maslach Art Glass, through N.S. Gustin Co., and on the right, the traditionally cut "Catherine" design in Towle Tudor English Crystal, through Ellis Barker Silver Co.



OVER $25

Deluxe, delicious: Taittinger Comtes de Champagne, here edging out the fabled Dom Perignon with a little more body for a few less dollars. And delightful, too, are Louis Roederer Cristal Brut and the newest prestige entry, Réserve Baron Philippe de Rothschild. Deluxe, dramatic (from the left): cobalt-and-gold open Champagne glass from Carole Stupell; the stunning St. Louis Crystal "Thistle" and the spirited Lalique "Valency" design, both through Jacques Jugeat.



FOR YOU WHO THINK PINK...

When the Shah of Iran staged his fantastic birthday gala in Persepolis a few years ago, he served a specially bottled 1962 Dom Perignon Rosé Champagne. There are still a few bottles hidden away at the importer's here, but they're not for sale (and they're beginning to show their age, anyway). Yet, you can observe your red-letter days with the Pommery & Greno Rosé made for the 25th anniversary of Monaco's Prince Rainier and Princess Grace or numerous other rosy sparklers.

The popularity of the pinks seems to run in cycles, we're told, and no one knows what touched off the most recent wave of interest, but the pinks are bubbling out in greater quantity than we've seen in many years.

Most American pink sparklers sadly fall into that sugary never-never land of being neither dry nor truly sweet dessert wines. If you try them, treat like lightly sweet choices and serve with *light* desserts, with patés or, if not too sweet, to cut through the greasiness of dishes using cooked sausages or similar foods.

For a Rosé Champagne from one of the great French firms, you can expect to pay upwards of $10 and to find a variety of tastes, as: Lanson, pale pink with orangey tint, fruity with slightly earthy undertone; the Pommery Rosé de Monaco, fruity, fairly full, just a bit sweet; Dom Ruinart, light but pleasant; Möet, appealing soft roundness in both nose and taste, can be flabby if not handled well; Perrier-Jöuet, made entirely from red grapes, has both body and depth; Piper-Heidsieck, dry and brisk, some fruitiness; Charles Heidsieck, very rosy, dry and crisp, very much in keeping with the firm's usual style; Taittinger's Comtes de Champagne Rosé, deep pink, elegantly full.

Two unusual pinks to try are Schramsberg's Cuvée de Gamay and Mirassou's Sparkling Gamay Beaujolais. Both are light but fruity, best served with food.

To us, most Sparkling Burgundies taste much too sweet for times we want a red wine, rarely make sense when we really want a Champagne. If there is one you like, enjoy it—and we'd say the same for Cold Duck—but we'll stick to the classic sparklers. And as seen in the list at left, that leaves us lots of options.



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THE MICROWAVE KITCHEN

By HELEN McCULLY □ It seems possible that Maria Luisa and Jack Denton Scott, with eight years of microwave cookery behind them (we're not counting their many years of conventional cooking), may well be the most experienced microwave cooks in the land. Whatever, their new book, *Mastering Microwave Cookery* (Bantam paperback, $1.95) is beyond all question of a doubt the best book on the subject that has come our way. It's to be expected. The Scotts have to their credit *The Complete Book of Pasta*, a classic; *Feast of France* with Antoine Gilly, the distinguished chef, and, this year, *Informal Dinners for Easy Entertaining* as well as *Cook Like a Peasant, Eat Like a King*. Aside from the fact that the recipes are extremely imaginative, their microwave book is stuffed with down-to-earth knowledgeable information you could only know from experience. The introduction and factual information alone, written in clear crisp English, are worth the price of the book. We present here three recipes from *Mastering Microwave Cookery*.

CLAMS OREGANATO

(Cooking time—high speed—four minutes)

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
2 small ripe tomatoes, peeled seeded and chopped
½ teaspoon salt
Several twists of the pepper mill
1 teaspoon dried oregano
8 to 10 sprigs parsley, minced
2 tablespoons pine nuts, coarsely chopped
1 tablespoon minced raisins
3 dozen cherrystone clams minced, with juice
8 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
8 tablespoons breadcrumbs

Cook the garlic in a glass casserole one minute. Stir in the tomatoes, salt, pepper, oregano, parsley, pine nuts and raisins. Cook two minutes. Stir in the clams and *3 tablespoons of the clam juice*. Cook one minute. Mix well.

Divide the mixture into eight equal portions and place in scallop shells, large clam shells or ramekins. Sprinkle each with 1 tablespoon of cheese and 1 tablespoon breadcrumbs. Place in a preheated broiler just long enough to melt the cheese and brown the breadcrumbs.

ACORN SQUASH

(Cooking time—high speed—seven minutes)

1 one-pound acorn squash
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon Madeira wine
Salt
Freshly ground pepper

Cut the squash in half but do not scoop out the seeds and stringy fibers. Place on paper towel in the center of the oven. Cook four minutes. Scrape out seeds and fibers. Add 1 tablespoon of butter to each squash half, and half the Madeira to each. Return to the oven and cook three minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Cook two squash (to serve four) for about 13 minutes.

JAMAICAN CHEESECAKE

(Cooking time—high speed—five minutes)

5½ tablespoons butter, cut up
1 packet honey graham crackers (11 double crackers)
2 packages (eight-ounce size) cream cheese, softened
3 eggs, well beaten
¾ cup sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla
2 tablespoons dark rum

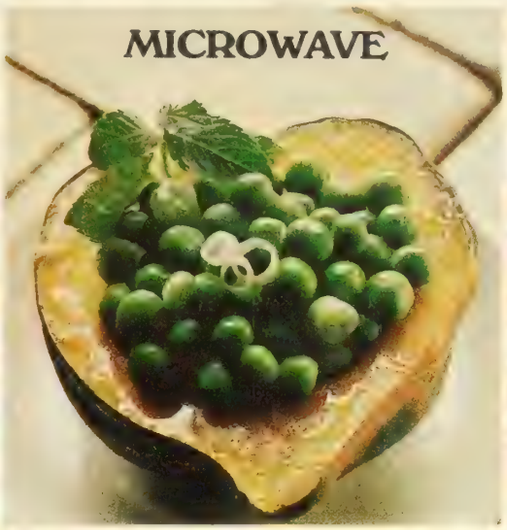
Place the butter in an eight-inch round pie plate. Heat in the center of the oven for 40 seconds or just until the butter melts. Crush the crackers or grind fine in the electric food processor or blender. Add to the butter and work together until well mixed. Pat evenly over the bottom and on the sides of the plate.

Beat the cream cheese until smooth with an electric mixer or beater. Beat in remaining ingredients. Pour into pie plate.

Cook in the center of the oven for five minutes, rotating the dish ½ turn every two minutes. The center will be soft. Refrigerate overnight; after that time, the filling will be firm. ■

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FOOD

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large hand of green bananas, placed on a bed of evergreens and filled with Christmas balls in a variety of colors. You can do the same thing on your dinner table or coffee table and dazzle everyone.

SEND A BASKET OF LOVE: A homey and personal way to express one's affections is to send a basket of delicacies. The basket, lined with Christmas greens, can contain a whole dinner: a bird (ready to cook) and an appropriate bottle of wine, a bouquet of fresh vegetables, a fruitcake or plum pudding with the sauce. Or the "basket" can be nothing more than a decorative box containing a big Christmas cake, cookies or a jar of homemade preserves. On page 96, you'll find several good ideas—a Cherry Date Bread, Coconut Rum Balls, Mrs. William C. Taylor Jr.'s Rich, Rich White Fruitcake, Mrs. George W. Hoagland's Beach Plum Cordial—but whatever the contents, the gift spells love and Merry Christmas.

WRAP GIFTS FROM YOUR KITCHEN so they will arrive in the best condition: Cookies, cakes, breads and the like should be put into an air-tight container or encased in aluminum foil, plastic wrap or in tightly closed plastic bags before they're gift-wrapped; anything in a glass container with screw-on lid or cork stopper might need a strip of plastic or masking tape around the stopper to prevent spills.

You'll find many ready-made bottles, apothecary jars, decorative tins and other containers for food gifts, but you can also create your own merry, imaginative presentations using Christmas decorations and plain boxes, baskets, bottles or plastic refrigerator bowls. Or make the container itself a part of a gift—personalizing a bottle of liqueur with a few liqueur glasses tied to a bottle. *And always, tuck in your recipe—and any necessary opening or storing instructions.*

YOU MIGHT EVEN WANT TO think about sending one of your best recipes as your Christmas card. The recipe should be unusual, one you are completely familiar with. Type it (don't attempt to write; nobody can read anyone else's writing) on the Christmas card or, if you feel expansive, have a special card printed by a local printer.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER SANTA ON CHRISTMAS EVE. Some cookies and a glass of milk make a nice welcome when he arrives, exhausted from that long ride, to deliver his packages. Serve him Richard Sax's Almond Brittle Cookies (*page 143*) and set a bottle of coffee liqueur beside the milk so he can have a Sombrero (most people like this mixed half-and-half) and he's sure to know he's welcome.

STUFFED CHERRY TOMATOES

40 ripe cherry tomatoes, washed and dried
½ pound smoked Nova Scotia salmon or lox, chopped fine
1 package (three-ounce size) cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon minced onion
Heavy cream
Fresh lemon juice to taste
Salt
Freshly ground pepper
Fresh dill, minced
Watercress
Capers

Cut off and discard ⅓ of each tomato from the stem end. Using a small sharp knife or a coffee spoon, scoop out the seeds and pulp, leaving a ¼-inch shell. Drain upside down.

Purée the salmon, cream cheese and onion in the electric food processor or blender. Then add cream to bring the filling to the right consistency. Finally, add lemon juice, salt, pepper and dill to taste.

Arrange tomatoes on a bed of watercress on a suitable serving platter. Using a pastry bag with a rosette tube, pipe the filling into the tomato shells. Garnish with well-drained capers and a leaf of dill. Serves about 20.

SHRIMP WITH MUSTARD MAYONNAISE

2 pounds green shrimp, thawed
Mustard Mayonnaise:
1½ cups mayonnaise, your own or commercial
3 to 4 tablespoons Grey Poupon mustard
Heavy cream

Wash the shrimp under cold, running water. Place in a large heavy skillet with the water that clings to them. Cover and cook over moderate heat for about three minutes or until the shrimp turn pink. Cool immediate under cold running water. Shell and devein.

To serve, arrange in a large bowl with a bouquet of watercress and toothpicks to pick up the shrimp.

Stir the mustard into the mayonnaise. Taste—your tastebuds may want (*Continued*)



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more. Then add enough heavy cream to bring the sauce to "dipping" consistency. Spoon into a serving bowl.

GARLIC MARINATED OLIVES

2 cans (7¾-ounce whole size) medium black olives
Marinade:
¼ cup olive oil
⅓ cup red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons chopped chives
1 teaspoon paprika
2 cloves garlic, crushed, peeled and minced

Thoroughly mix together the marinade. Add the olives and marinate several hours or overnight. Do not refrigerate.

TUNA PATE

1 can tuna in oil
2 to 3 tablespoons brandy or Cognac
2 hard-cooked eggs
2 three-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
Freshly ground white pepper
2 tablespoons pistachio nuts, coarsely chopped
1 can (10½-ounce size) consommé
1 envelope unflavored gelatine

Break up the tuna into small pieces. Purée in the electric food processor or blender with the brandy and the oil from the tuna. Then purée the eggs. Combine with the tuna and cheese. Spoon back into the processor or blender and purée until perfectly smooth. Taste for seasoning. You may need a bit of pepper, but no salt. Stir in the pistachios. Cover the bottom of a 1½- to two-cup mold with baking parchment. Spoon the purée into the mold. Smooth the surface. Seal with Saran and refrigerate.

Sprinkle the gelatine over the consommé. Place over low heat and stir until dissolved. Put in a shallow pan; refrigerate.

To serve, turn the pâté out onto a serving platter. Discard the parchment. Cut the gelée into diamonds. Surround the pâté with the gelée. Serve with unflavored crackers or French bread or baked toast.

SPANAKOPITA

(Spinach Pies, Greek-style)

2 10-ounce package chopped frozen spinach, thawed, or two pounds fresh spinach, steamed and chopped fine
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 small yellow onion, peeled and minced
15 to 20 parsley sprigs, minced
½ pound feta cheese, crumbled into small pieces
6 eggs, lightly beaten
Freshly ground pepper
Salt
½ pound (two sticks) butter, melted
12 sheets (½ pound) phyllo pastry

Drain off any juices from the spinach, then squeeze dry with your hands. Set aside. Heat the olive oil in a heavy skillet. Add the onion and cook, stirring, until golden. Mix with the parsley, cheese, eggs and pepper and salt to taste. Take it easy with the salt, as feta is salty.

Butter a 13 by 9-inch baking pan with melted butter. Cover the pan with one layer of phyllo pastry, letting the edges hang over the sides. Brush generously with butter. Continue adding five more layers, brushing each with butter as it is added. Spoon in the spinach mixture and smooth it over the pastry. Cover with another layer of phyllo, brush with butter and continue adding five more layers, brushing each with butter. Melt more butter if needed.

Using a sharp knife, cut off any surplus pastry around the edge of the pan. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 45 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Take from the oven and cool slightly. Cut into 24 squares. Serve warm.

Note: The *spanakopita* can be baked ahead of time, then reheated in a hot oven. (A splendid hors d'oeuvre or a nice luncheon dish with a salad.)

PARSLEYED SARDINES

Arrange smoked sardines like the spokes of a wheel on one large serving platter. Chop 1 large bunch parsley fine and combine with 3 tablespoons finely chopped shallots and ¼ cup French dressing. Mound the parsley mixture in the center of the platter. Serve cold.

MARINATED MUSHROOMS

1½ pounds button mushrooms
Marinade:
1 cup dry white wine
1 large lemon, thinly sliced
2 cups olive oil
8 green onion bulbs, minced
1 clove garlic, crushed, peeled and minced
1 tablespoon Angostura
3 tablespoons salt
Several twists of the pepper mill
2 whole cloves
2 bay leaves
10 to 12 sprigs parsley, minced

Break the stems off of the mushrooms and set aside or freeze to make soup. Wipe the caps with a clean, damp cloth. Combine all the marinade ingredients in a big plastic bag. Add all the mushroom caps. Squeeze out all air and tie



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securely. Place in a pan in case the bag leaks and refrigerate for 48 hours, turning the bag whenever you think of it so the mushrooms get well soaked.

To serve, drain (reserve the marinade to use over salads). Stick each mushroom with a toothpick and arrange in a suitable serving bowl. Delicious. Serves eight or more.

FROZEN PUNCH BOWL

If you have a large freezer and an adequate container, you can make your own punch bowl this way: About four or five days before the party, put six or eight inches of water in the bottom of a large, deep container and set it in the freezer. When that layer is frozen almost solid, set a smaller container (two- or three-quart capacity) on top of the layer of ice, with something heavy inside to weight it down. Then pour in another two or three inches of water all around. When this layer is almost solid, add another; continue doing this until you have solid ice to the top of the smaller container.

If you don't have a large freezer, buy a large block of ice (a 50-pound block is the best). Set it in the sink and chip out a hole in the center large enough to hold a two- or three-quart metal bowl. Fill the bowl with hot water, taking care not to spill any on the ice. As the heat melts the ice, the bowl will begin to sink into it. When the water cools, dip out, then fill the bowl again with hot water. Repeat until the bowl is embedded in ice up to its top.

At serving time, place a heavy white bath towel on a large tray with a rim. Put the frozen punch bowl on the tray, surround with Christmas greenery and pour in your punch.

PINK MARBLED EGGNOG

This is lusciously rich and sweet. Do not add one grain more sugar than is called for.

6 eggs, separated
½ cup sugar
1 cup light cream
1 six-ounce can frozen concentrate for Hawaiian Punch, thawed
¾ cup light rum
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
Grated nutmeg

In a large bowl, beat egg yolks until thick. Gradually add ¼ cup sugar; beat until light. Add the thawed punch concentrate and light cream; beat until well mixed. Stir in rum, cover and chill at least three hours.

About one hour before you serve, beat egg whites until foamy. Add the remaining sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time and continue beating until the egg whites hold soft peaks when the beater is raised. Fold the egg whites into the punch mixture, mixing well, then cover again and put back into the refrigerator. Just before you serve, transfer to punch bowl and stir gently, then spoon whipped cream onto the top. Fold in just enough to give a marbled effect on the surface. Sprinkle with nutmeg. About 12 servings in punch cups or saucer-style Champagne glasses.

NUSSROULADE

6 eggs
¾ cup walnuts
½ cup flour
1½ cups heavy cream
½ cup sugar
3 squares (one-ounce size) unsweetened chocolate, grated

Combine the egg yolks and sugar in a medium bowl and beat with a rotary or electric beater until very thick and creamy. Grate (do not pulverize) the nuts in the electric blender or chop rather fine. Mix with the flour. Stir into the egg yolk mixture. Beat the whites until they hold, firm, shiny peaks when the beater is held straight up. Pour the nut mixture over the whites and, with a rubber spatula, fold in carefully but thoroughly.

Pour into the prepared pan and smooth with a rubber spatula. Bake in a preheated 400° oven for 15 minutes. Cool slightly, then turn out on a clean dish towel wrung out in cold water. Roll up in the towel (like a jelly roll) and refrigerate.

To finish: Beat the cream until it holds a shape. Then fold in the grated chocolate.

Unroll the Nussroulade, coat with the chocolate cream and roll up again. Place seam side down on a serving platter.

Glaze:

2 squares (one-ounce size) unsweetened chocolate
2 squares (one-ounce size) semisweet chocolate or ¼ cup chocolate pieces
4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, softened
2 teaspoons honey

Combine all the ingredients in the top of a double boiler and melt over simmering water. Take off the heat and beat until cold but still "pourable."

Place the roll on a cake rack over waxed paper. Spoon the glaze over the roll, tipping the rack so the glaze (*Continued*)



runs evenly down the sides. Do not serve until the glaze has set. Do not refrigerate.

NECTARINE KUCHEN

2 cups all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter, cut up
6 ripe freestone nectarines
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 egg yolks
1½ cups commercial sour cream

Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and *2 tablespoons of the sugar.* Place in the bowl of the electric food processor with the butter. Process until the mixture looks mealy—about 15 seconds. Pat an even layer of the mixture over the bottom and up the sides of a nine-inch pie plate. Press firmly with your hands until the pastry holds. Refrigerate.

Drop the nectarines into boiling water for a few seconds. Peel, cut in half and remove and discard the pits. Then slice each half into four pieces. Arrange in the pastry shell. Mix the remaining sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the fruit. Bake in a preheated 400° oven for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, beat the egg yolks and the cream together. Spoon over the top of the fruit. Return to the oven and bake 30 minutes longer. Serve warm or at room temperature.

CAPE CODDER

1½ ounces vodka or rum
3 ounces cranberry juice
Juice of ½ lime

Mix together and serve over ice in an Old-Fashioned glass. If you like a lighter cranberry taste, serve in a tall Highball glass and fill with club soda.

SCARLETT O'HARA

2 ounces Southern Comfort
2 ounces cranberry juice
2 teaspoons lime juice

Mix all ingredients in a mixing glass with ice and stir until well combined and well chilled. Strain into a cocktail glass.

CRANBERRY CREAM

1½ ounces cranberry liqueur
¾ ounce heavy cream
Dash of gin or rum

Shake together with ice until thoroughly blended. Strain into a stemmed cocktail glass.

MRS. WILLIAM C. TAYLOR JR'S RICH, RICH WHITE FRUIT CAKE

Mrs. Taylor, an old friend who lives in Nogales, Ariz., doubles the recipe, making Christmas delicious for all her friends.

¼ pound citron, cut fine
1 carton (four-ounce size) candied lemon peel
1 carton (four-ounce size) candied orange peel
1 carton (four-ounce size) candied cherries, cut in two
1 carton (four-ounce size) candied pineapple
4 ounces green cherries, cut in two
½ pound golden raisins
½ pound pitted dates, chopped fine
1 cup commercial strawberry jam
1 bag (4½-ounce size) Brazil nuts, shelled, chopped fine
1 bag (eight-ounce size) blanched, slivered almonds
1 cup dark rum
¾ pound (3 sticks) butter, softened
1½ cups sugar
7 eggs
1 cup liquid honey
1½ teaspoons baking powder
1½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
½ teaspoon mace

Combine all the fruits, strawberry jam and nuts in a very large bowl and mix well with your hands. Add the rum and mix again. Cover and let stand for at least 24 hours, mixing well several times.

Before making the cake, grease a 10-inch tube pan and line the bottom and sides with baking parchment; grease two 9 by 5 by 3-inch bread pans and line them, too, with baking parchment. Set all aside.

Place the butter in the bowl of the electric mixer and work at medium speed until soft. Gradually add the sugar, beating constantly. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating hard after each addition. Then beat in the honey.

Sift all the dry ingredients together. Combine half with the fruits and mix well with your hands. Add the remainder to the batter and beat in thoroughly. Pour the batter over the fruit and, again, mix well.

Pour half the batter into the tube pan; divide the rest between the two bread pans.

Bake in a preheated 275° oven: three hours and 15 minutes for the large cake; two hours and 12 minutes for the small cakes. Test with a tooth-

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pick before removing from the oven. If no batter clings to a toothpick plunged in the center of the cakes, they are baked. Once the cakes are baked, remove from the oven and cool on cake racks for 30 minutes before turning out. Turn cakes upside down on wire racks. Pull off and discard the paper.

To age the cakes (three to four weeks is a good time), wrap each cake in a double fold of cheesecloth soaked in dark rum. Place in a crock or large kettle. Cover tightly. As cheesecloth dries out, dribble a little of the rum over the cake to keep the cloth moist.

(New Yorkers will find all these fruits at Trinacria, 415 Third Ave. Ask for Mrs. Bono.)

CHERRY DATE BREAD

1 loaf frozen bread dough
Butter
1 teaspoon mace
2 teaspoons sugar
½ cup maraschino cherries
¼ cup finely chopped dates

Thaw the dough at room temperature. Butter an 8½ by 4½ by 2⅝-inch loaf pan. Set aside. Mix the mace and sugar together. Set aside.

Knead the thawed dough on a lightly floured board until smooth and elastic. Gradually work in the remaining ingredients. Place the dough in the prepared pan. Place in a warm spot, free from draughts, cover lightly and allow to rise. When the dough has risen one inch above the pan, bake in a preheated 350° oven 20 to 30 minutes or until golden. Turn out onto a wire rack.

While bread is still warm, mix ½ cup sifted confectioners' sugar with 2 teaspoons hot milk and ¼ teaspoon pure vanilla until smooth. Spread over the top of the bread. Cool.

COCONUT RUM BALLS

4 cups (one 12-ounce package) vanilla wafers, coarsely crushed
1 cup walnuts, chopped fine
1 can (3½-ounce size) flaked coconut
1 can sweetened condensed milk
¼ cup dark rum
Sifted confectioners' sugar

Mix the crumbs, nuts and coconut together. Add the milk and rum. Dip your hands into the confectioners' sugar and roll into balls about one inch in diameter. Then roll in the sugar. Refrigerate, covered, 24 hours to develop the flavor. Makes about five dozen balls.

MRS. GEORGE W. HOAGLAND'S BEACH PLUM LIQUEUR

The Hoaglands collect wild beach plums each year when they vacation on Cape Cod. Although it's a little late for that for this Christmas, you could try it with almost any berry—but may have to vary the sugar.

Enough ripe beach plums to fill a ½-gallon jug
1 cup sugar
1 fifth vodka (or to fill)

The berries, which are about the size of marbles, must be ripe—indicated by deep red or purple color. Wash plums thoroughly, then fill the jug to the top with them. Pour in sugar and vodka to fill, shaking jug so sugar sifts down through the fruit. Tightly cover the jug and let stand for three months, turning and shaking the jug every three or four weeks. At the end of the three months, strain through a fine cheesecloth. Discard the fruit and rebottle the piquant liqueur.

If you are intrigued by the thought of making your own liqueurs, you'll find many other ideas in Beverly Barbour's *Cooking with Spirits* (101 Productions, $4.95), including several that need only two weeks' aging, and in *Liqueurs for All Seasons* by Emilio Cocconi (Lyceum Books; $9.95).

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1 apple per person
Juice of one lemon (about)
Butter
Salt
Sugar

Wash and core big, ripe but firm cooking apples. Then slice into ½-inch rings. Drop into a plastic bag with lemon juice. Turn over so slices are well coated.

Heat the butter in a heavy skillet—using about 2 tablespoons or ¼ stick for each apple. Add the apple slices and sprinkle lightly with salt. Sauté over moderate heat, sprinkling with sugar. Turn the rings occasionally, using a metal spatula, and baste with the pan juices, using a bulb baster or with a large metal spoon.

As the apple rings cook, lift to a heated serving dish and keep warm. Add more butter and sugar to the pan as needed. Perfectly cooked, the apples are tender when pierced with a fork *(Text continues on page 143)*





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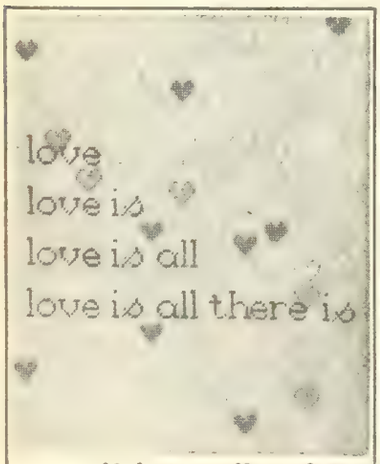
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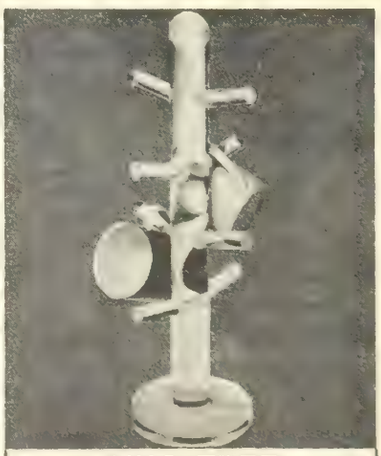
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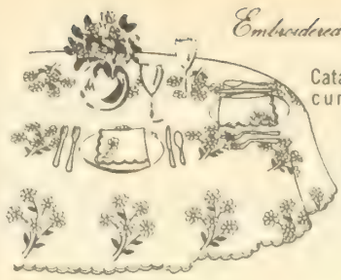
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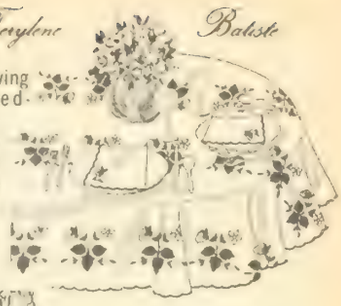


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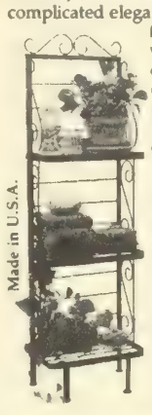
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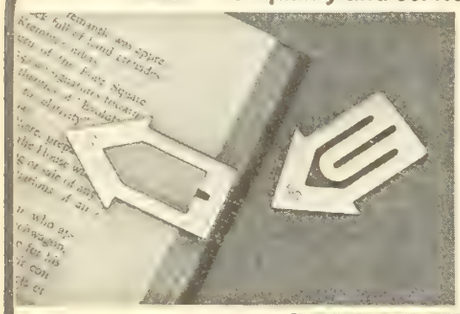
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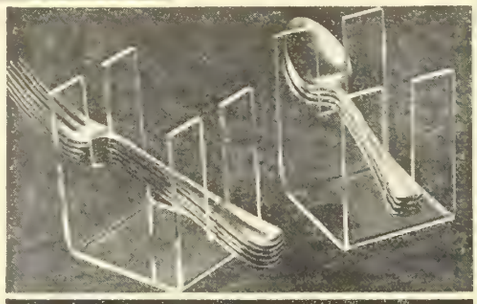


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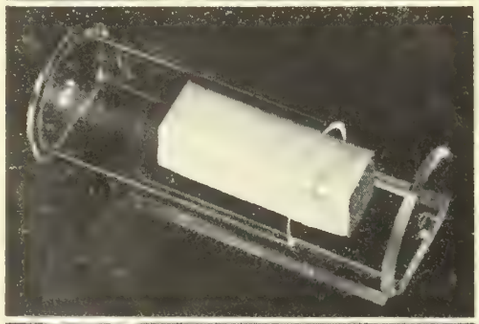
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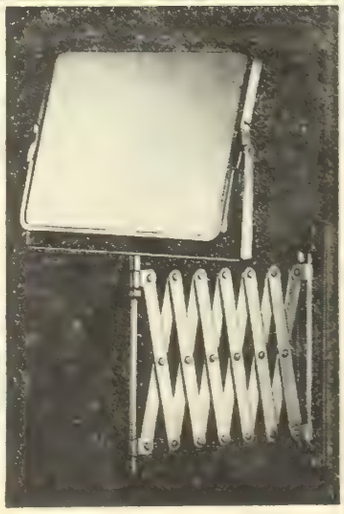


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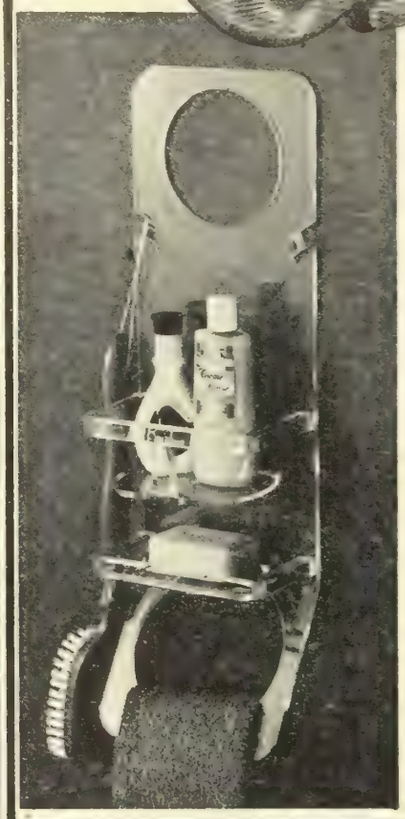
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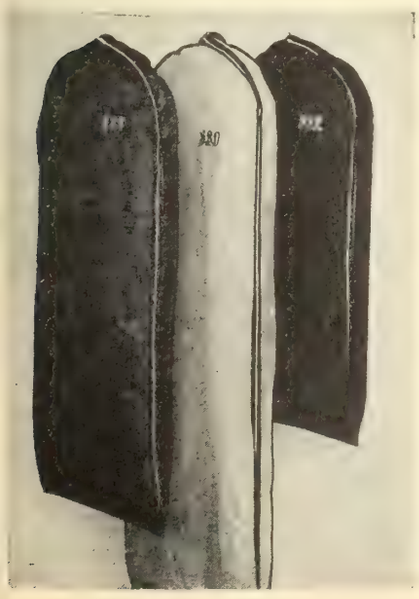


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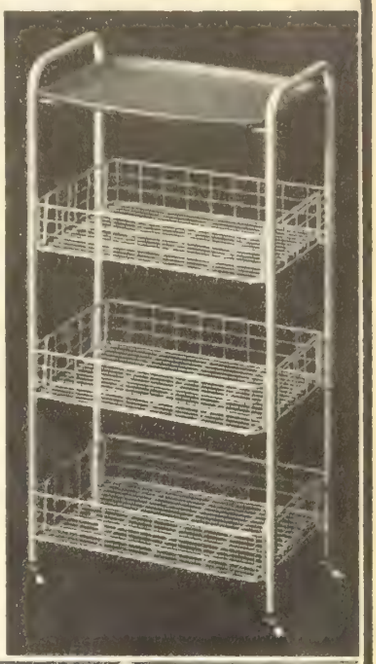
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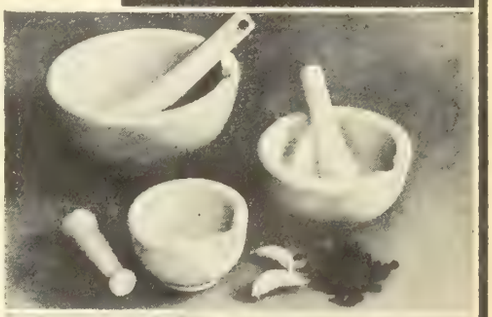
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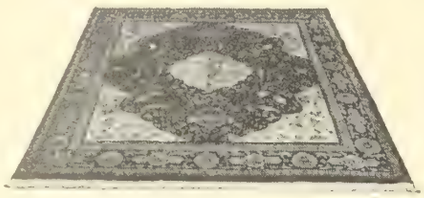
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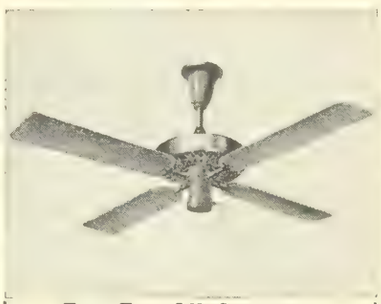
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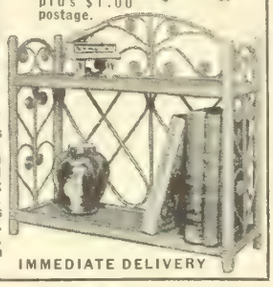
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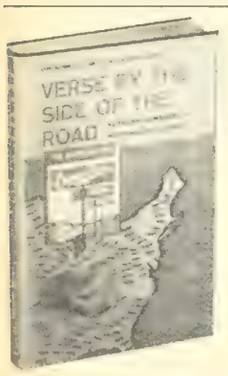
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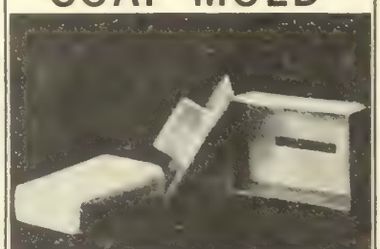
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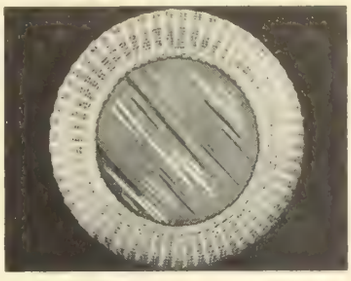




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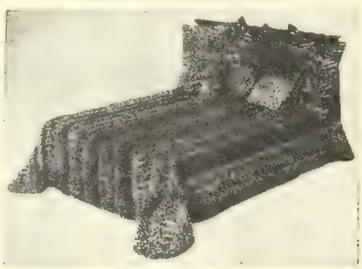
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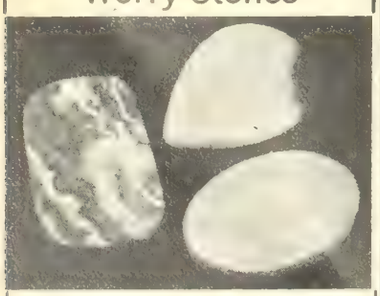


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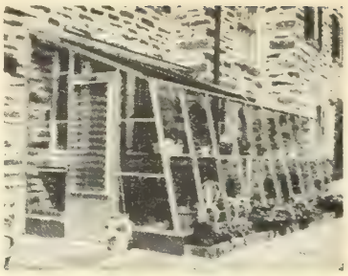
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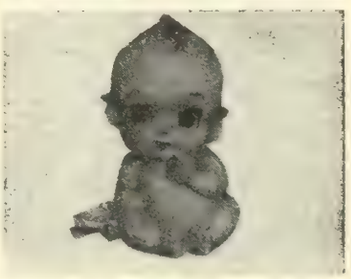
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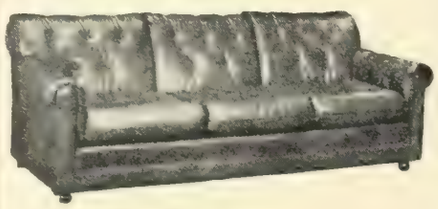
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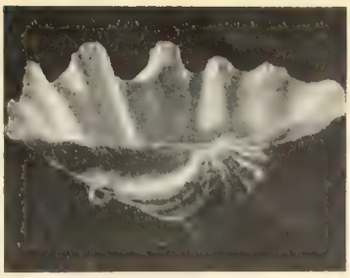
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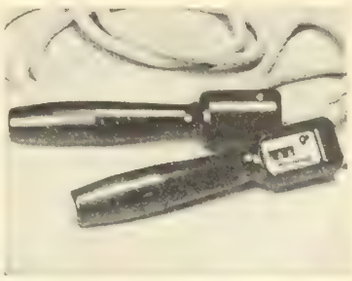
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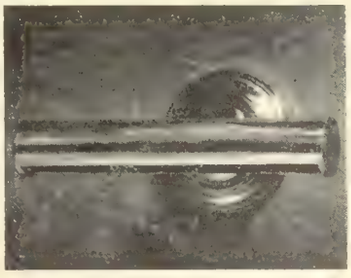
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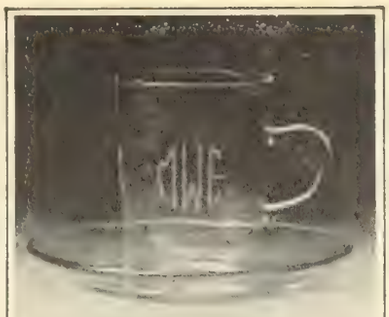
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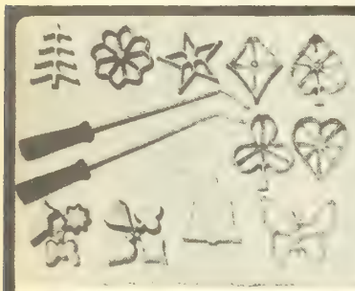
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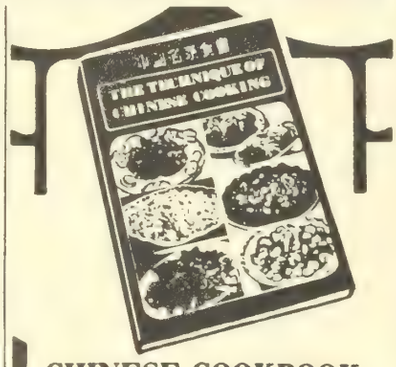
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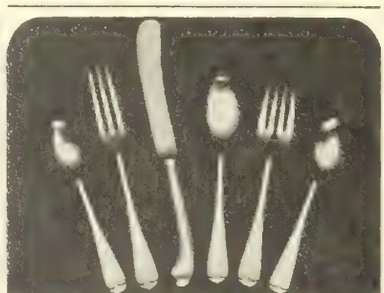
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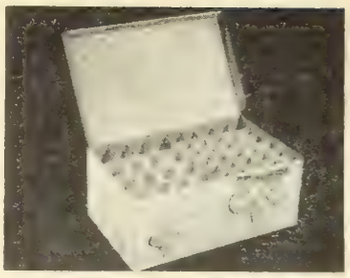
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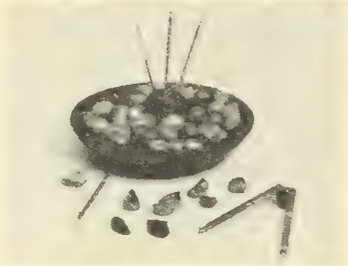
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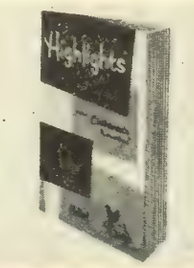
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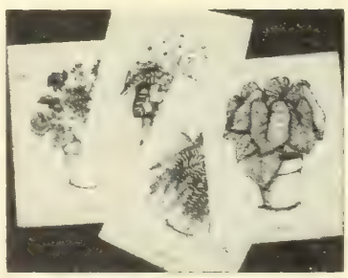
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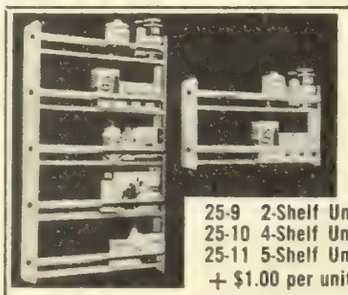
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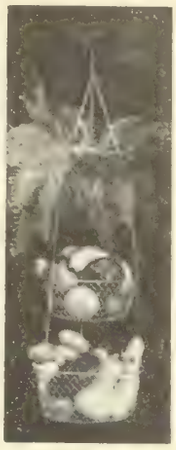
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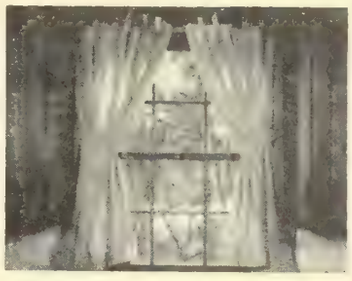
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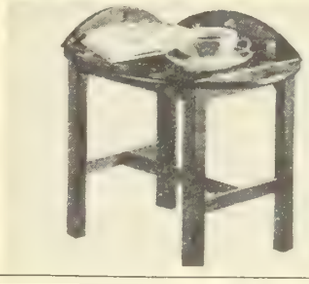
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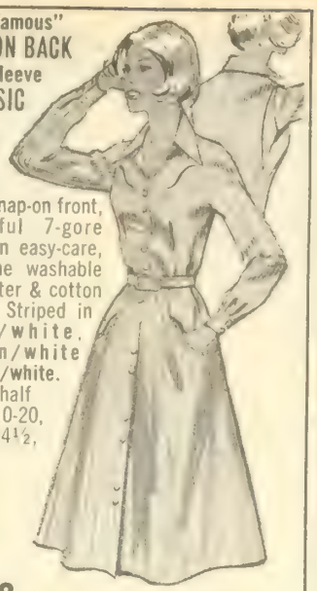
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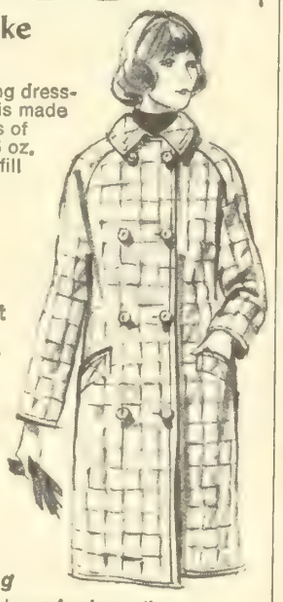
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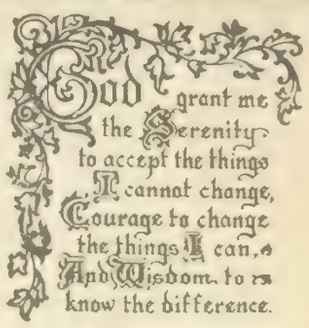
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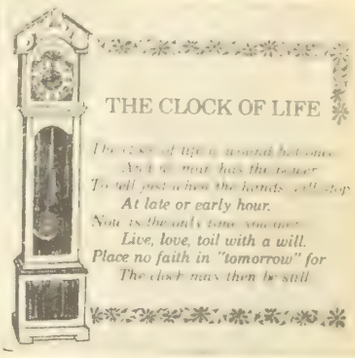


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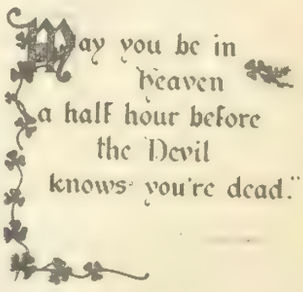
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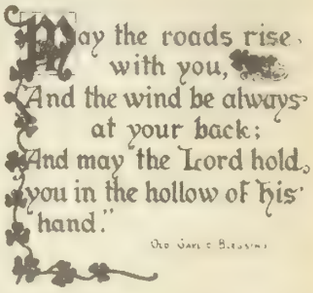
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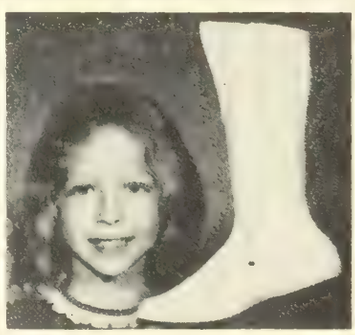


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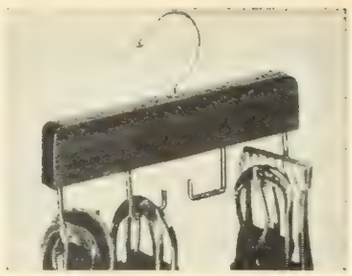


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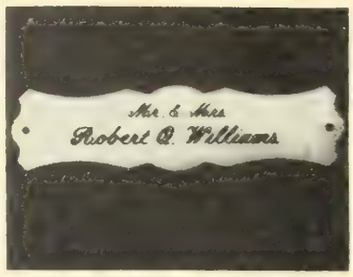
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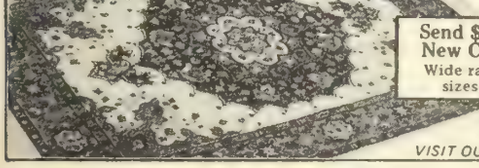
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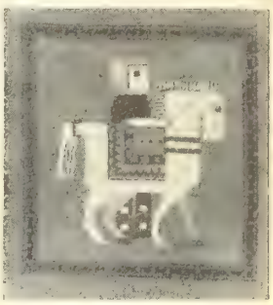
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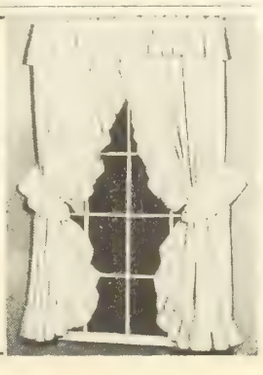
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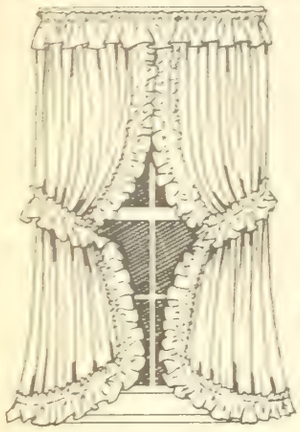
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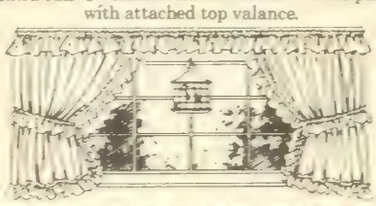
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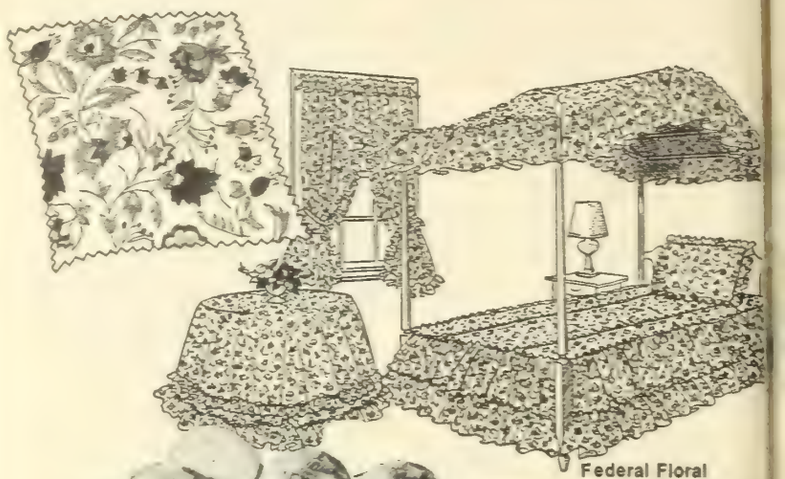


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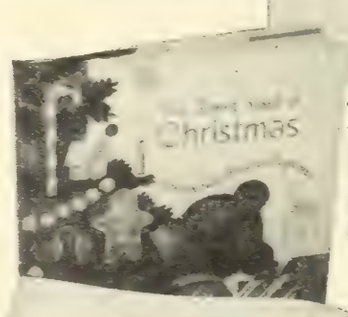


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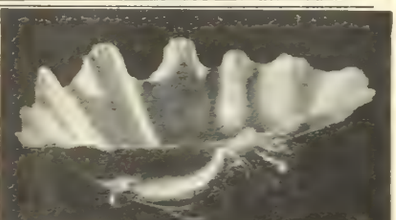


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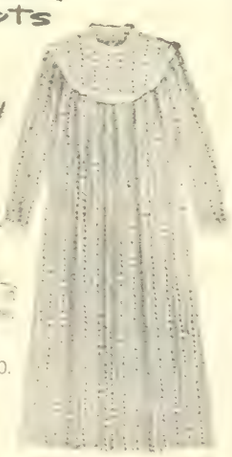
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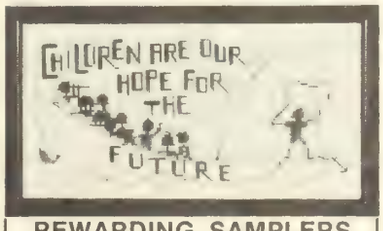
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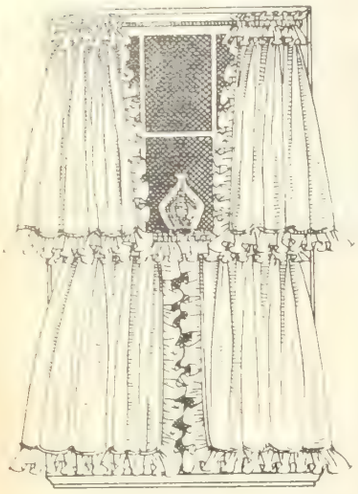


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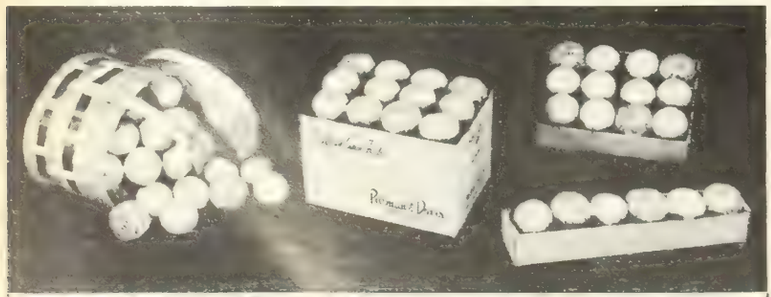
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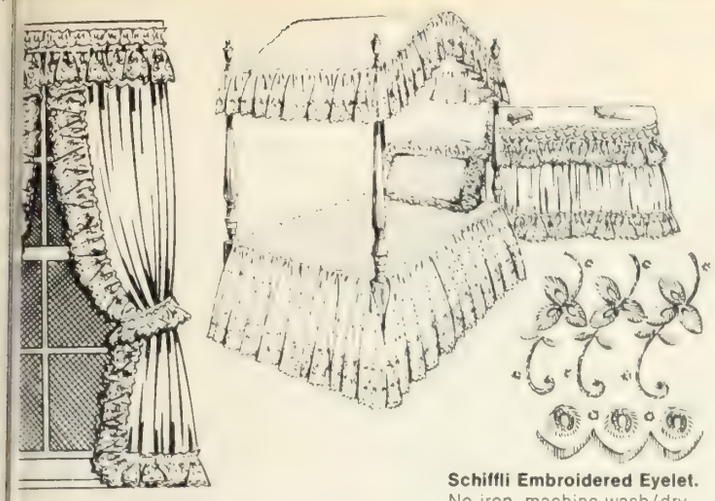
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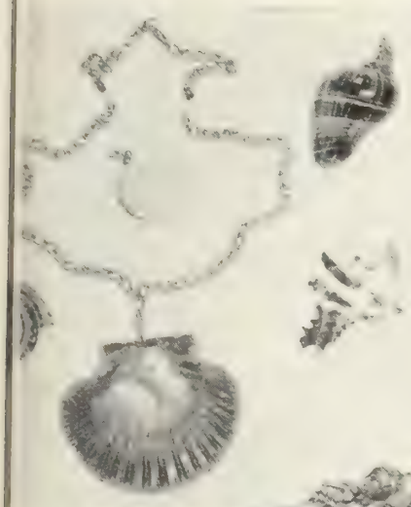


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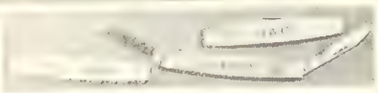
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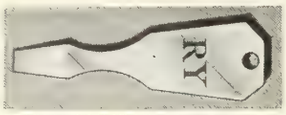


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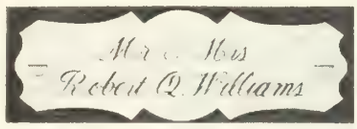
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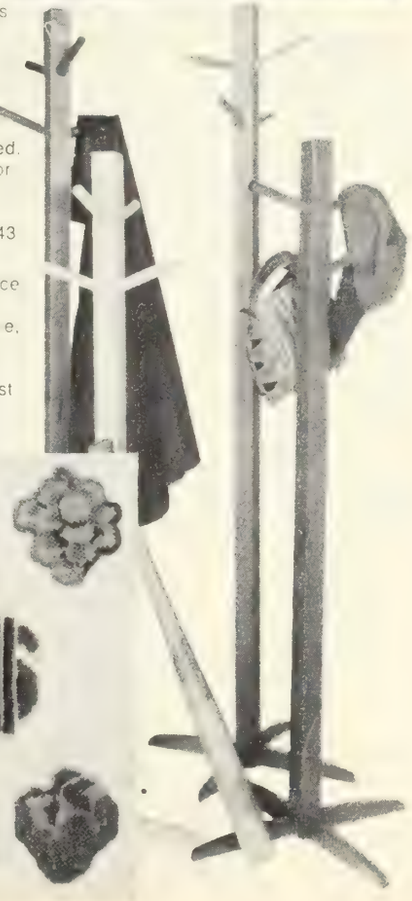


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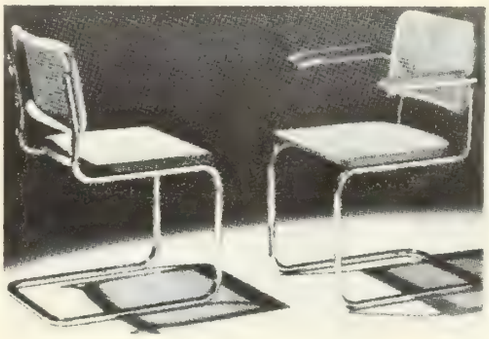
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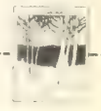
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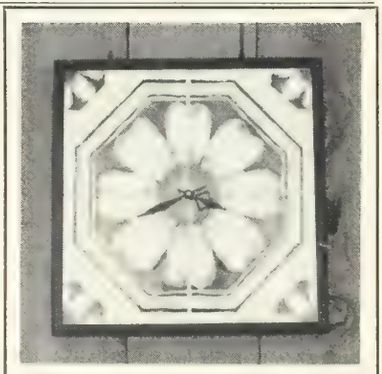
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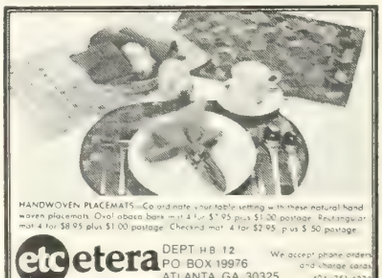
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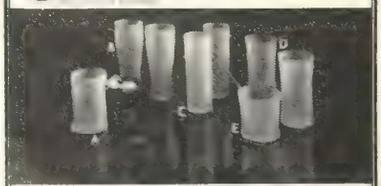
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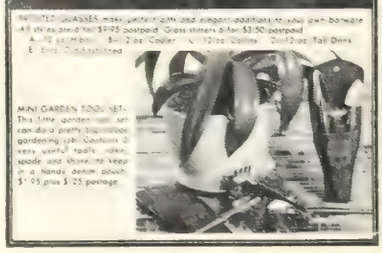


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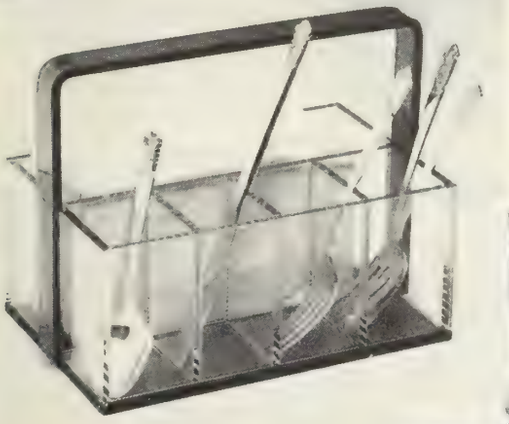
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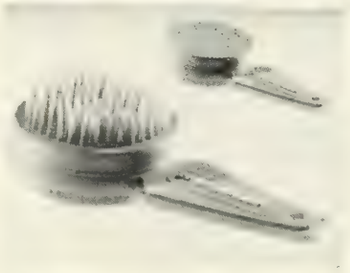
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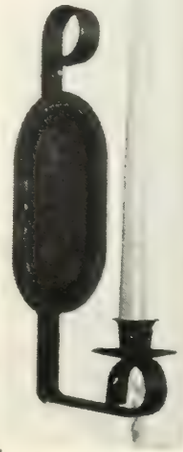
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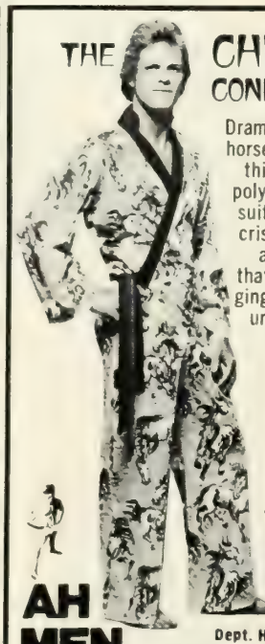
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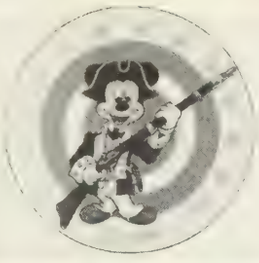
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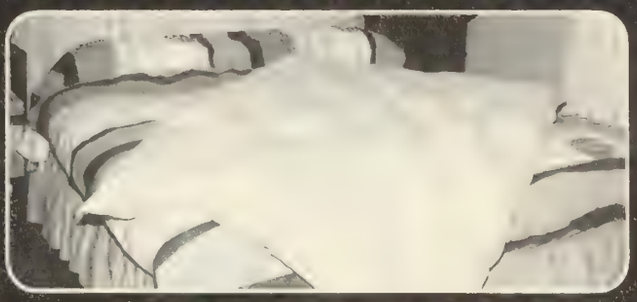
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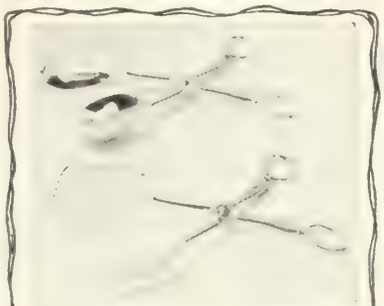
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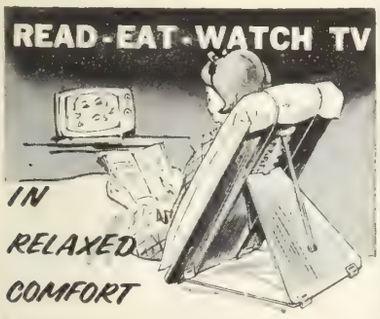
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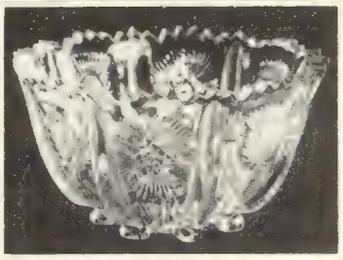
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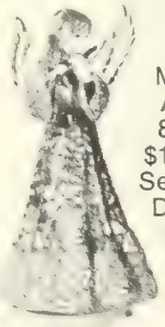
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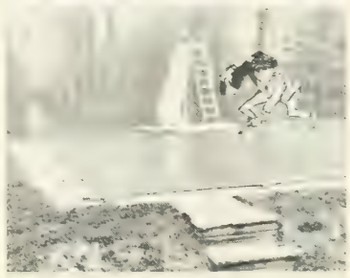
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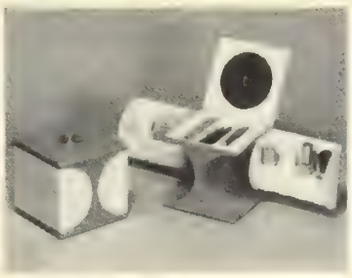
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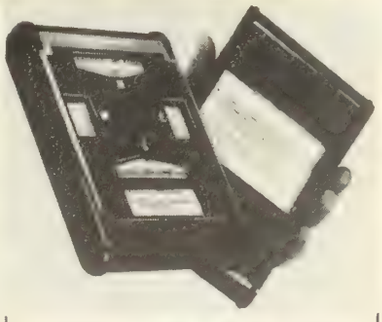


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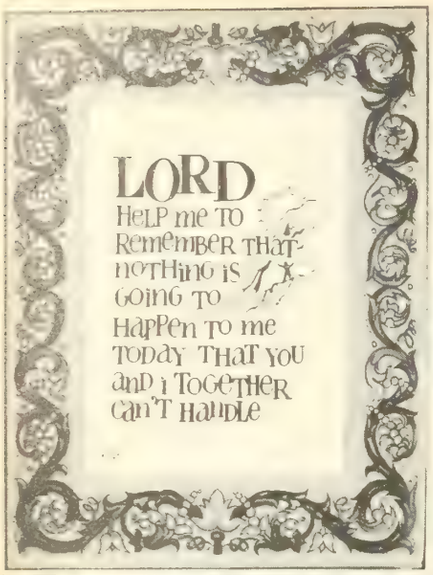


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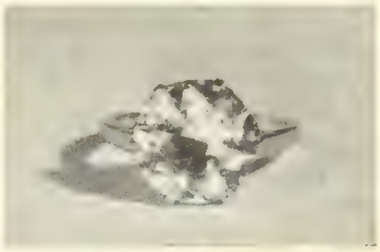


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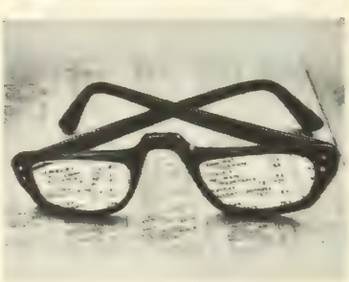


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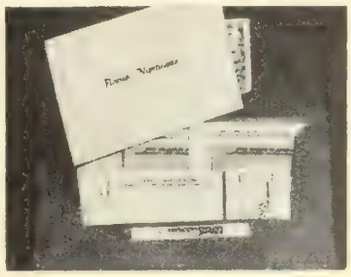
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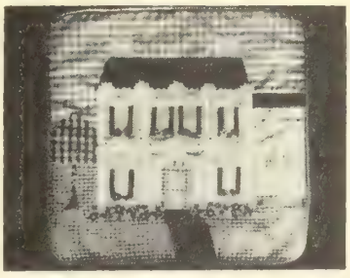
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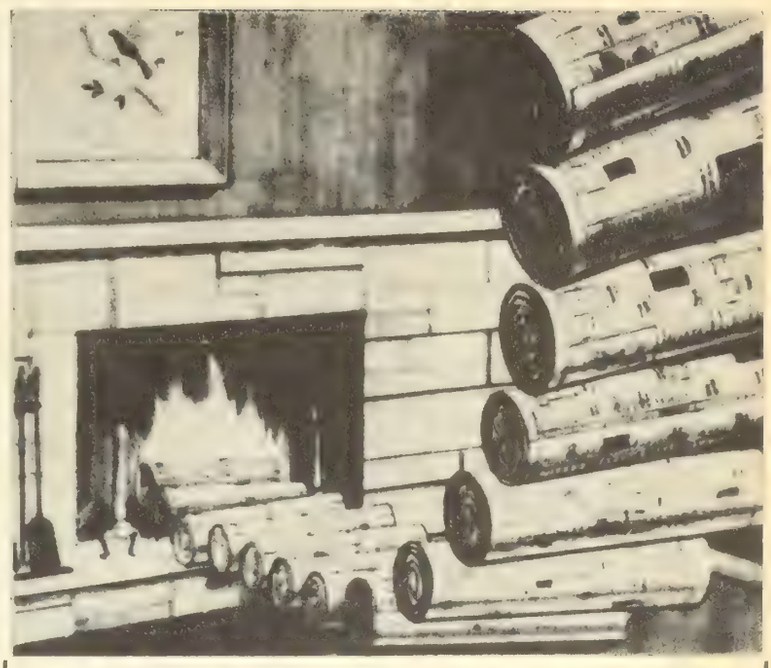


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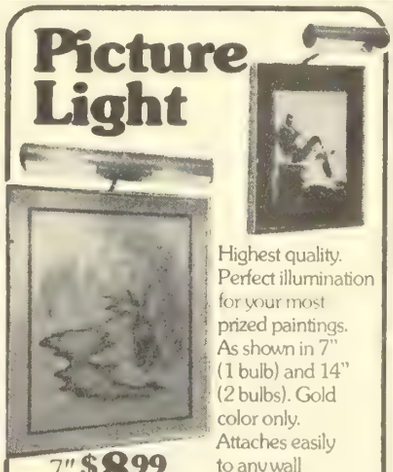
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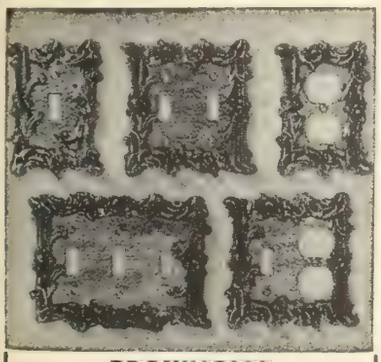
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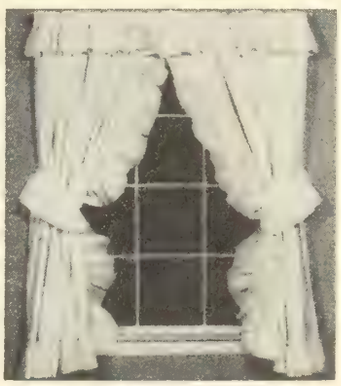
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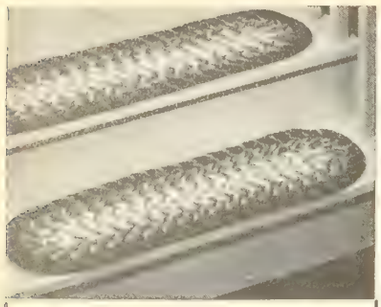
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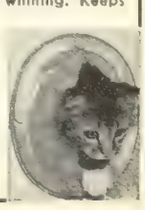


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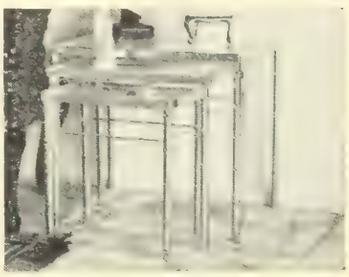
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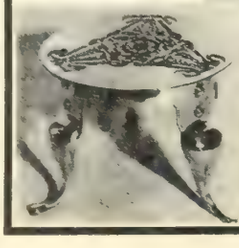
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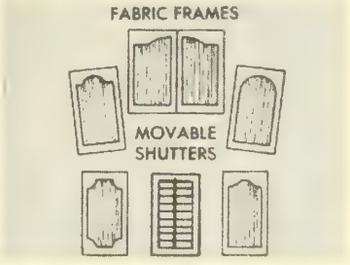
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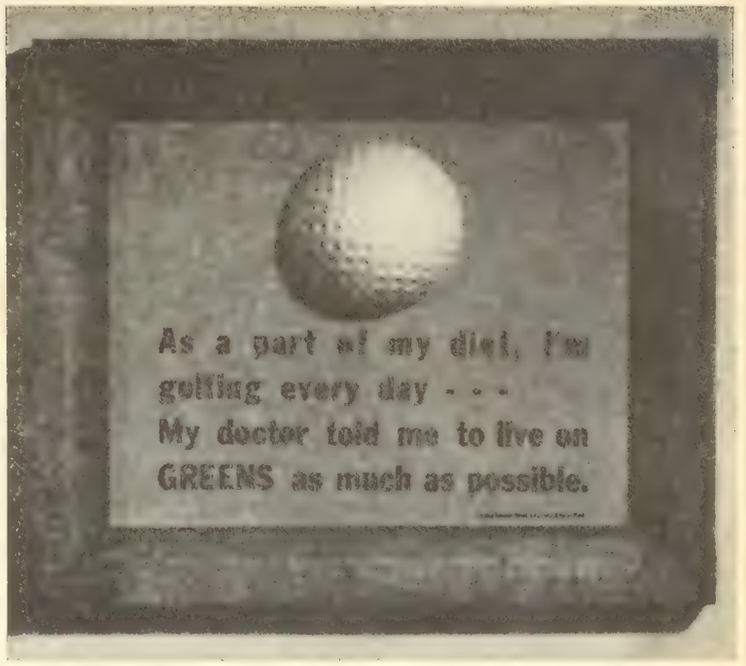


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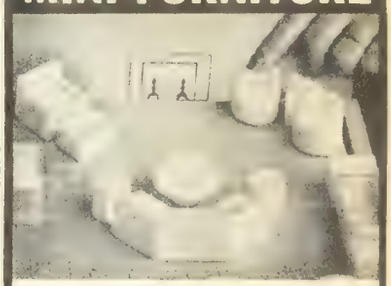


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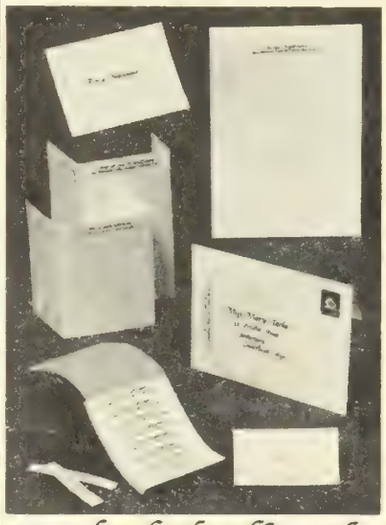
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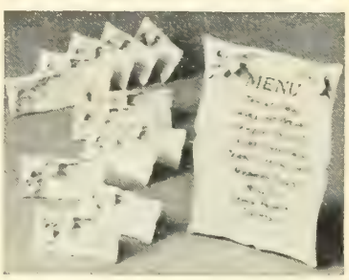
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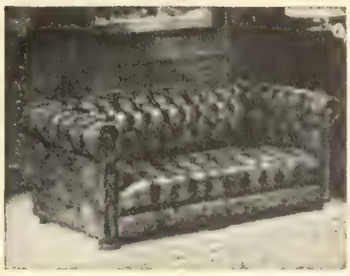
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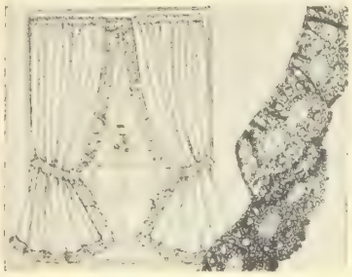
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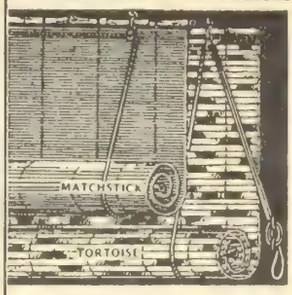
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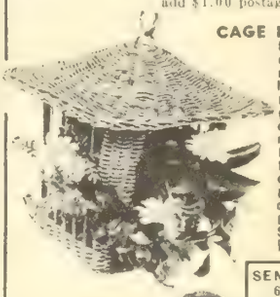
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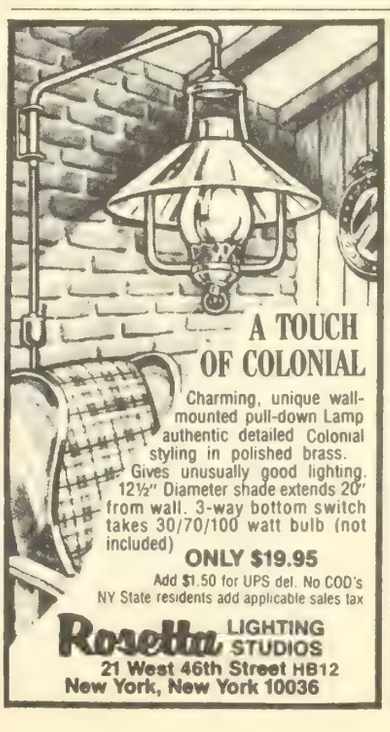
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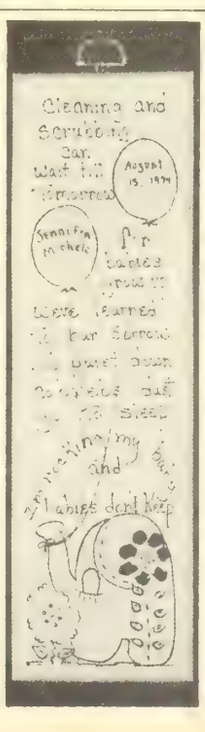
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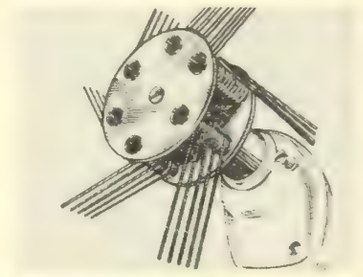
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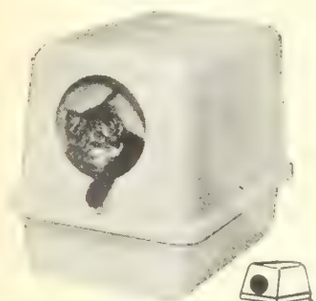
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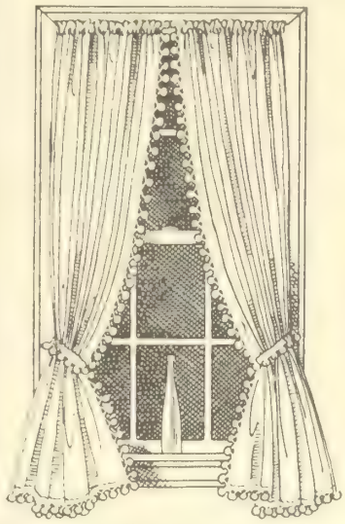


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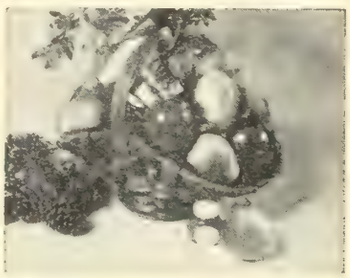
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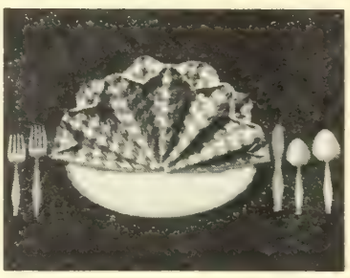


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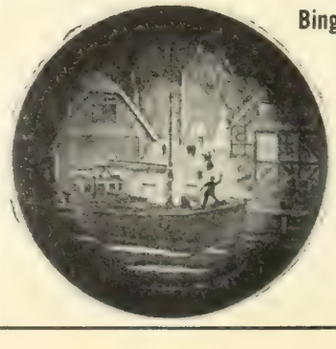
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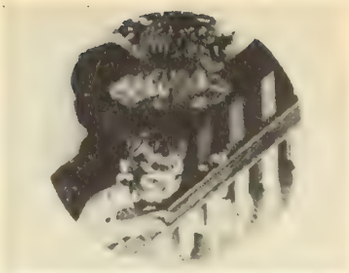
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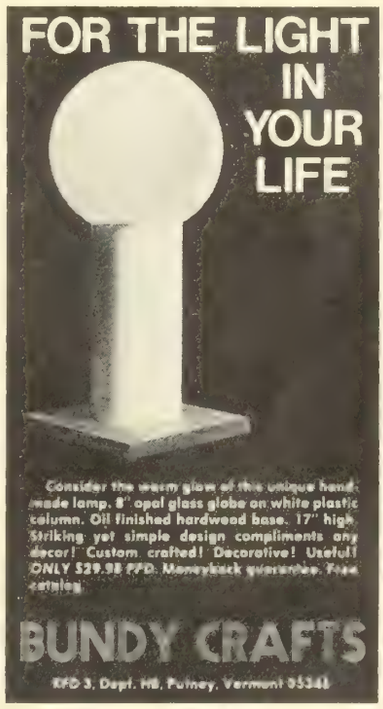
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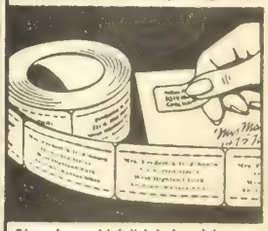
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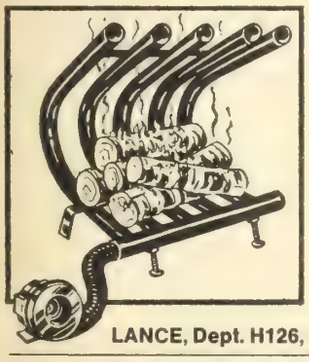
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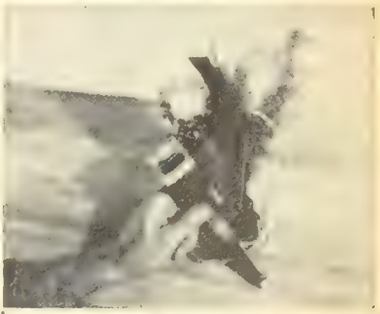
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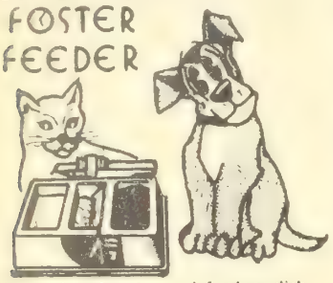


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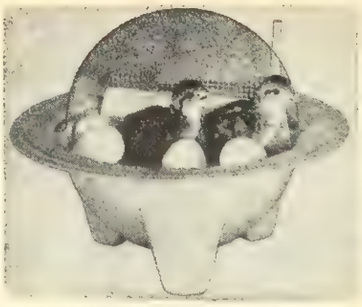


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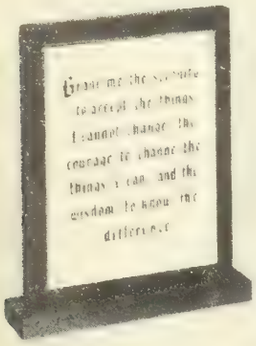


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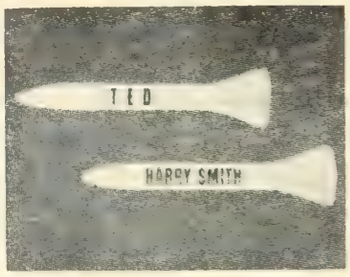
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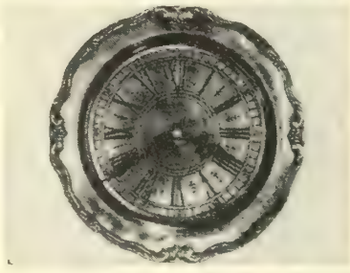
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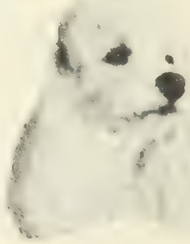
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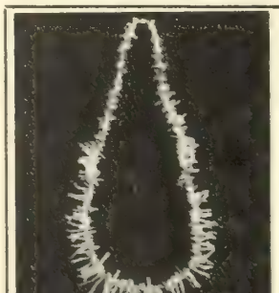
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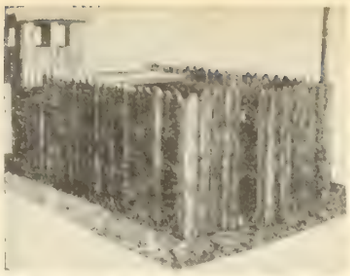
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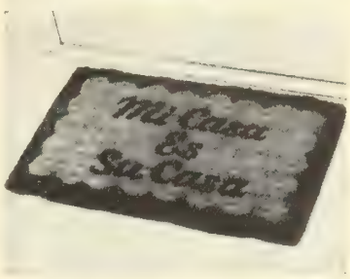
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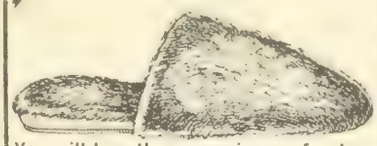


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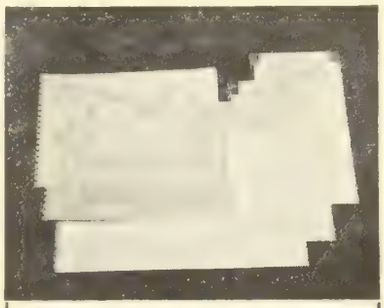
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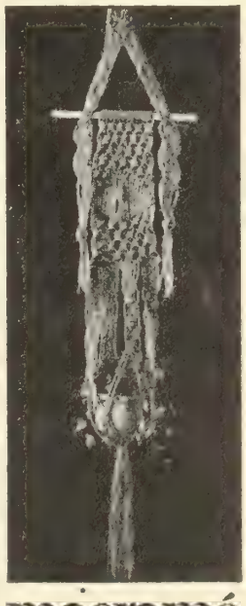
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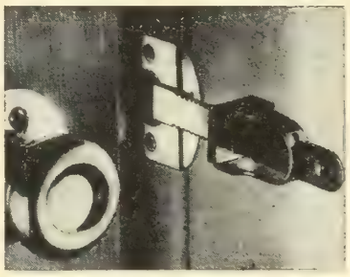
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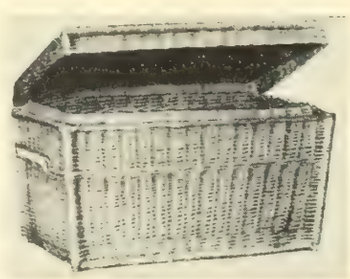
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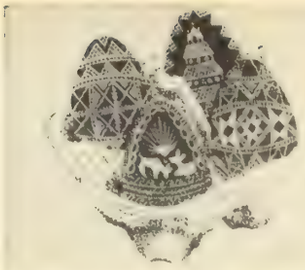


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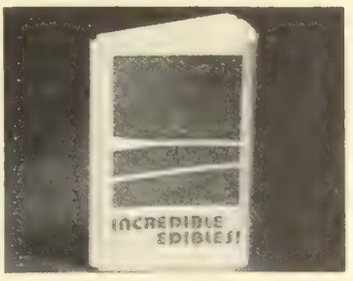


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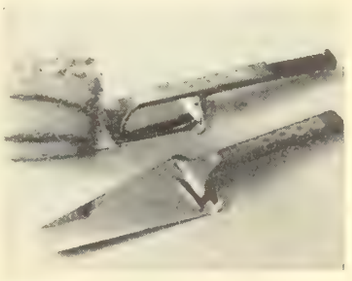
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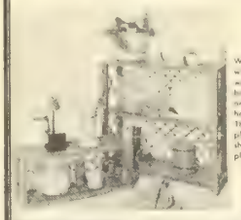
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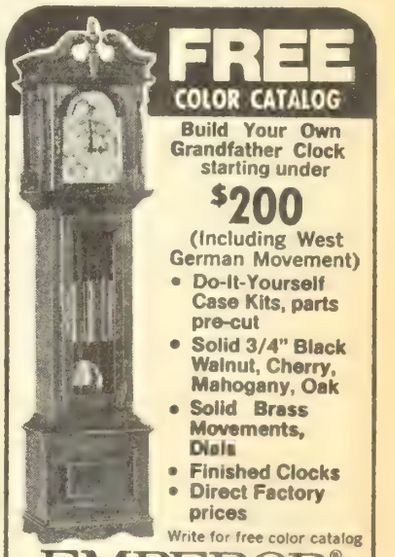
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and have a slightly shiny glaze. Serve with pan juices spooned over them.

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4 tablespoons (1 stick) butter
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon vanilla
Grated rind of two oranges
1 egg
2 tablespoons milk
1½ cups cake flour
1½ cups all-purpose flour
½ cup raspberry, currant or apricot jam (not dietetic)
1½ tablespoons Cognac

Cream the butter with an electric mixer or beater. Gradually add the sugar, beating constantly until the mixture is thick and creamy. Beat in the salt, vanilla, orange rind, egg and milk. Add the flour and beat in at medium speed. Turn out on your work surface. Shape into a ball, wrap and chill.

To bake the pastry: Butter a 15½ by 10½ by 1-inch baking sheet (it is important for the sheet to have sides). Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured board about an inch larger all around than the baking sheet. Roll up on the rolling pin. Center over the baking sheet and unroll. If the pastry breaks, patch the holes.

Prick the pastry all over with a fork, to help prevent its rising. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until just golden. After the pastry has been in the oven five minutes, check to see if the pastry is bubbling. If so, prick again with a fork. Take from the oven and cool it slightly. Increase oven temperature to 400°.

Heat the jam to make it more spreadable. Then stir in the Cognac. Brush or spoon a thin layer of jam oven the pastry.

Glazed Almond Topping:
4 tablespoons (1 stick) butter
½ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons liquid honey
¼ cup cream
½ teaspoon vanilla
Juice of 1 lemon, strained
1 bag (eight to 10 ounces) sliced blanched almonds

Melt the butter over low heat. Stir in sugar, salt and honey. Continue stirring until sugar has melted. Add the cream and bring to a boil. Boil, stirring, until smooth and thickened. Take off the heat. Stir in vanilla, lemon juice and almonds.

Spread the mixture over the pastry. Bake in a preheated 400° oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden. Cool. Cut off the rough edges, then cut into one-inch squares. ■



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—ROGER HORCHOW

"The cello under the Christmas tree when I was nine"
—CHARLES MINGUS

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"When I was seven, my mother and I were at last able to journey from Sweden to Illinois to join my father, who had been absent for six years attempting to create a home for us in this country. Our reunion was the "gift" I cherish most"
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"My sister Christine. She was 12 years old and I was just getting started in show business. My mother had been ill and was not physically up to taking care of Chris. With mother's permission, I brought Chris to New York from Los Angeles for Christmas and only after it was time to return to school did I tell her we had agreed she was going to stay with me. Just a few months later, our mother died. I raised Chris until her maturity"
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"A Volkswagen from my father's used car lot in 1965. This is now locked into my memory, not only because it was my first car, but also because I wrecked it that same day"
—ROSEMARY CASALS

"Three framed pictures of sailing ships, sent anonymously by a fan more than 10 years ago. They now hang above the fireplace in my sitting room and I hope my unknown fan realizes how much I've enjoyed this gift"
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"A roll-top desk given me by my parents the Christmas I was nine. Of course, I thought it came from Santa Claus—you know that magical period when you still believe. I thought I heard the reindeer and imagined lovely, fat, jolly Santa with his helpers scampering around the living room, "the whole thing." The desk was absolutely perfect, a miniature of the one that was immortalized in "The Front Page" and I kept all of my papers there. Maybe that's really the time when I first got to acting like an editor"
—HELEN GURLEY BROWN

"The look of excitement and joy on the faces of our three children as they came down the steps one Christmas morning, and anticipating their reactions the evening before while setting up the Christmas trees, dollhouses and electric trains"
—STANLEY MARCUS

"A gold lighter, as slim as rice paper, that my husband, David Craig, gave me on our fifth Christmas together 20 years ago. I always have it with me—I now wear it on a slender gold chain around my neck—and always have a light and a wonderful memory"
—NANCY WALKER

"My first-born, Hunter Minor Carsen, who arrived last Christmas a few minutes past midnight. My husband, Kit Carsen, and I had some close friends over to sing carols and late in the evening I had to go upstairs; I could tell the baby was coming, maybe because he couldn't bear the sounds of our voices. Kit and I had hoped for a Christmas birth and it was an incredibly beautiful experience"
—KAREN BLACK

"My wife and I gave ourselves a collection of rare Tahitian palm trees at Christmas some years ago. Our architect had spotted them by a house about to be torn down. We had them planted at our home in Bel Air. It's the finest present we've ever had, and it is one that will be around a long time after we've gone"
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"When I was just 12 or 13 years old, my mother somehow got the money together to give me tickets to the opera in San Francisco. I was allowed to take two friends. It was a performance of "The Marriage of Figaro" with Pinza, Sayao, Roman, Baccaloni and Novotna. What future that performance opened for me, I am still working on, but I cannot recall ever being more pleased or more genuinely moved by a gift—especially with the knowledge of what it cost my mother in those days"
—HENRY LEWIS

"The one Christmas gift that meant the most to me—and by far the most memorable—came from my sister, Augusta Barnwell, in Mississippi exactly 30 years ago, my first year at home after four long years in the Navy. The gift consisted of a chafing dish and a couple of pheasants. My knowledge of cooking was random, a smattering picked up in my mother's boarding-house kitchen. What I knew about game birds was mostly ignorance I had picked up from reading books about dining in England and Europe. Somewhere I had learned that game birds should be aged before cooking, faisander as the French verb goes. 'You must hang the birds in winter until they are ready to drop.' At least, that is the instruction I remembered.

'In any event, I returned by train to Chicago in a raging snow storm and came coronary-close in the effort to lug bags, chafing dish and birds to my fifth-floor walk-up on the North Side. I found a bit of string and proceeded to hang my birds from the kitchen faucet. I telephoned friends and asked them to dinner a few days later. Well, there was little ventilation in that apartment and an uncomfortable amount of heat and those birds just hung and hung. The longer they hung, the riper they got. As feast day approached, it was either me or them. I gave them a proper burial—out the window and into a deep drift of snow in an empty lot. I forget what we ate that night, and even the names of the guests, but the chafing dish served me well for many years. And that is my Christmas memory"
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